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State promises crackdown on water transfers

By KIRSTIE WILDE

CALIFORNIA WATER regulators have grudgingly blessed a private water deal put together by Robles del Rio Lodge in Carmel Valley, but put the community on notice that it will not look kindly on such arrangements in the future.

The warning came in a letter Dec. 3 from Harry Schueller, Chief of the Division of Water Rights of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to the Monterey Water Management District, Cal-Am water company, Monterey County and Robles del Rio Lodge.

Staff at the water management district were not clear just how dire the warning was, and have set up a meeting with the state regulators Dec. 22 to get clarification.

"We aren't sure what the letter means," said Darby Fuerst of the MPWMD, "but if the worst happens, we might have to rethink our entire water transfer programs."

Under the wire

More than 100 families are waiting for a water allocation to build or remodel their homes in Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach, and many of them have made a deal to buy excess water credits from Robles del Rio Lodge, according to John Bridges, attorney for the lodge. He said the lodge drilled new wells — outside the Carmel River aquifer — cut its Cal-Am connection and agreed to sell up to 6.6 acre-feet in water credits to people on the county water waiting list. Those folks can breathe a sigh of relief today, now that the SWRCB has announced it won't stand in their way.

But in the same letter, Schueller made it clear that future deals like Robles del Rio's could bring sanctions from the state. The letter serves as a warning, according to Schueller, that the private deals do not comply with the spirit of the state order to cut back the illegal overdraft on the river.

"If Cal-Am develops a new water supply, it has to offset its present diversions from the river on a one-to-one basis," Schueller said. "Why should a customer of Cal-Am be allowed to develop an alternative water supply and not have to offset the present illegal diversions on a one-to-one basis? Why should a customer be treated any different? It makes no

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SERRA STATUE VANDALIZED

MOCKING Carmel-by-the-Sea's historic father with a can of black spray paint, a vandal defaced the precious carving of Junipero Serra that graces the northern entrance to town. The paint-splashing moron also vandalized the stone wall, the benches and the concrete sidewalk near the statue.

But not, says Richard Warren, founder of the Carmel Woods Association. A joint venture of caring individuals and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will begin rehabilitation of the sculpture and statue in the new year. Details have yet to be finalized, but the city — even though the sculpture is outside the city limits — will be hiring a local restoration artist to help with the job and Glen Mazingo and the association have offered to foot the bill for materials, according to Warren. The sculpture, completed by beloved local artist Jo Mora in 1926, was commissioned by S.F.B. Morse to commemorate the opening of the Carmel Woods real estate development.

Ken White will seek fifth term as village mayor

Livingston, Hydorn
also seek reelection

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMEL MAYOR Ken White is ready to seek a history-making fifth term as mayor.

White, who was first elected in 1992 and is already Carmel's longest-serving mayor, told The Pine Cone this week that he'll be filing candidacy papers soon.

"I want to be around to complete what we started," White said, referring to several important city projects currently underway.

Last week White cast the tie-breaking vote to sell or lease Flanders Mansion. In October he broke another tie over letting Caffe Cardinale sell soup. The two councilmembers on the other side of both issues — Barbara Livingston and Marshall Hydorn — also say they will seek another term. The filing period for the April 11 election begins Dec. 20.

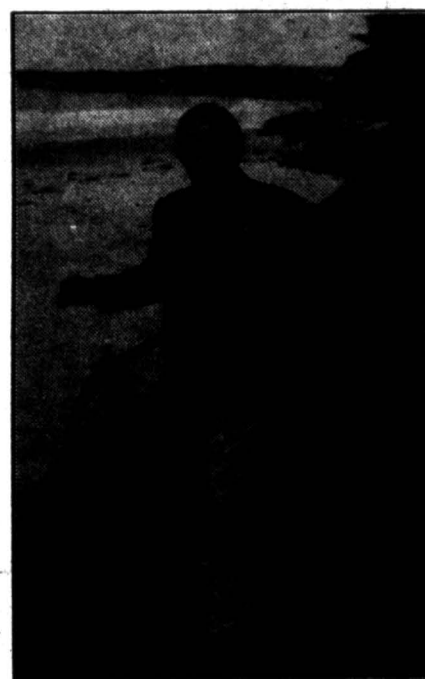
The terms of two other council members, Paula Hazdovac and Sue McCloud, last until 2002.

White said the number one project on his agenda is the renovation of Sunset Center. "I had the honor of making the motion (for the renovation) eight-and-a-half years ago," White said. "The next two years will really make a big difference on the project. It's one of the most important the city's ever done."

White said he also wants to follow through on the design traditions project — to revamp the city's residential guidelines — and the adoption of new business district design standards.

"There's a series of very important projects coming through the planning department that we've been instrumental in getting on the agenda — what I call preserving the past

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Mayor White

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Planners OK demolition of three old homes

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CARMEL Planning Commission boldly agreed this week that three homes on two well-known properties — the Hitchcock House on Mission and cottages Sea Urchin and Periwinkle on Scenic — are not historically significant and can be demolished.

Commissioners certified the environmental impact reports prepared by Denise Duffy and Associates for the projects, but unanimously disagreed with the reports' conclusions that the buildings are historic.

The two Scenic Road cottages well known to Carmelites may be quaint, but they are not historic, the commission unanimously decided.

Planner Chip Rerig asserted that, though the buildings may have changed since they were built as board and batten structures in the early 1900s, they are still recognizable as part of Carmel's cultural heritage, and

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PHOTO/BEVERLY BORGMAN

The Sea Urchin and Periwinkle cottages on Scenic seen today barely resemble the board and batten shacks built on the site around 1910. The commission approved demolition of the structures, which an attorney said are "cute, but not historic."

Potter opponent Don Kremer seeks 'a big change'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BELIEVING SOLUTIONS to Monterey County's traffic, water and housing problems can be reached with a combination

of compromise and determination, Pacific Grove resident Don Kremer announced he will fight for Dave Potter's seat on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in the March 7, 2000, election.

"I've been a resident of both Carmel and Pacific Grove, and to tell you the truth, I would like to see the direction of our politics change to a more positive, solution-seeking attitude versus obstruction of infrastructure," he said.

Kremer, who has lived on the Peninsula for 10 years and has a background in marketing and corporate management, served on Carmel's Forest and Beach Commission for five years and was involved in creating the city's general plan.

He said he believes limiting growth by not providing infrastructure is harmful to the community. "Denying infrastructure — water and roads — hurts the current situation and has nothing to do with the future," he said. "It has to do with today."

To help solve the problem, Kremer said he would turn to the people of the county for input. He has promised to have monthly town hall meetings throughout his district if he is elected, and wants to maintain an open line of communication between his office and the people it serves.

"What I'm finding, I think, is that our

politicians are failing to dig deep and hear people's concerns," he said. "I'm dedicated to opening two-way communication."

Kremer also wants to improve senior and youth services — he said the county's current programs are inadequate — and work to reduce youth and drug-related crime.

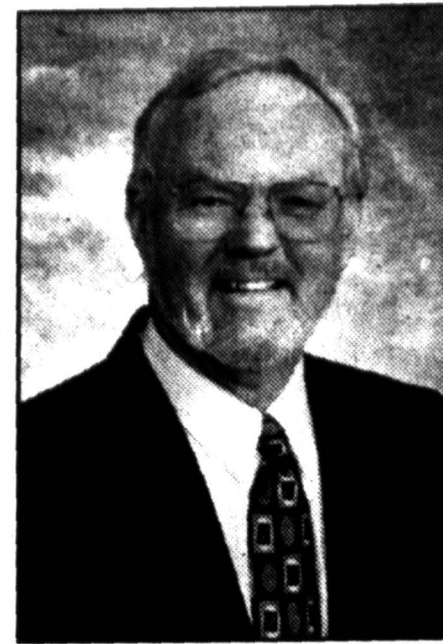
"I believe the solution for youth is to give them some place to go and something to do," he said. "If you do that in an organized way, it will reduce youth crime in our community substantially."

Although Kremer would not disclose the amount of

money budgeted for his campaign, he said, "It's going to take quite a bit of capital, and financial strength is important in this race," he said. "So far, I'm very encouraged by the response I'm getting."

Kremer also said he hopes the campaign is a battle of ideas and issues, not of personalities.

"I'm looking forward to a cleanly run campaign, and I hope it stays that way," he said.



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Council: Let voters decide on hotel tax hike

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AFTER MONTHS of discussion on how best to raise an additional \$700,000 a year in municipal revenue, the Carmel City Council took steps this week to put a hotel room tax increase on the April 11 ballot.

Voting 4 to 1 — with councilwoman Paula Hazdovac dissenting — the council voted to have staff prepare a proposal for a one-percentage-point increase in transient occupancy tax (TOT) to raise an additional \$350,000 annually. The council will make its final decision Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

The TOT increase is a "general tax" that requires only a simple majority to pass.

Some council members hoped that the TOT tax hike will succeed where the ambulance parcel tax failed two years ago, because this time voters would be approving a tax they personally would not have to pay.

"I think in the case of TOT, taxpayers will realize that this is not something that's going

to affect them, that it will not hurt them," said Councilwoman Barbara Livingston.

"It's a relatively painless way to go," said Suzanne Paboojian. "There's already a mechanism in place to collect that. It would be a sizable chunk of change."

But some at the meeting argued that increasing the TOT will hurt local businesses — and city revenues — by driving down occupancy rates.

"As innkeepers we're opposed to any increase in TOT," said John Wilson of the Carmel Innkeepers. "Studies show that any time you increase TOT one percent, you lose 3.5 percent occupancy. Carmel will start losing visitors to Pacific Grove and Monterey."

Carmel currently charges 10 percent TOT. Unincorporated areas of the county charge 10.5 percent TOT while Seaside is the only Peninsula city to charge 12 percent.

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HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County

Sheriff's Department last week.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Antonio resident

reported that when he returned to his home, he noticed a few items missing from his closet. He returned to the closet later and all items were missing. The house was secure and he could not understand how the items were taken. He showed signs of dementia. He stated he also has a residence at Park Lane. A call was placed to Park Lane and it turned out he had his clothing there.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported toiletry items were stolen from her room. She was advised to report this to management. She was taken back home.

Pebble Beach: Presidio Road resident reported her neighbor cut a limb from a tree on her property.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security turned over a wheelchair that had been found.

The wheelchair appears to belong to Home Depot, but neither the Salinas store or Gilroy store are missing any wheelchairs. It will be stored at the Monterey office.

Carmel area: Cañada Lane resident wanted a report on file to document an ongoing problem with her next door neighbor.

Carmel area: Man and his daughter had a disagreement at a Carmel Rancho Center pizzeria over the use of the father's car.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported having an argument with her husband. Both admitted they had become intoxicated and were both at fault for pushing each other. No further action requested.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported a \$3,000 piece of jewelry missing from her Ninth Avenue residence. She remembered wearing the piece of jewelry one night last week and had taken it off and set it aside, and it has not been seen since.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of numerous vehicle doors slamming at 0452 hours on Mission. Nothing unusual noted.

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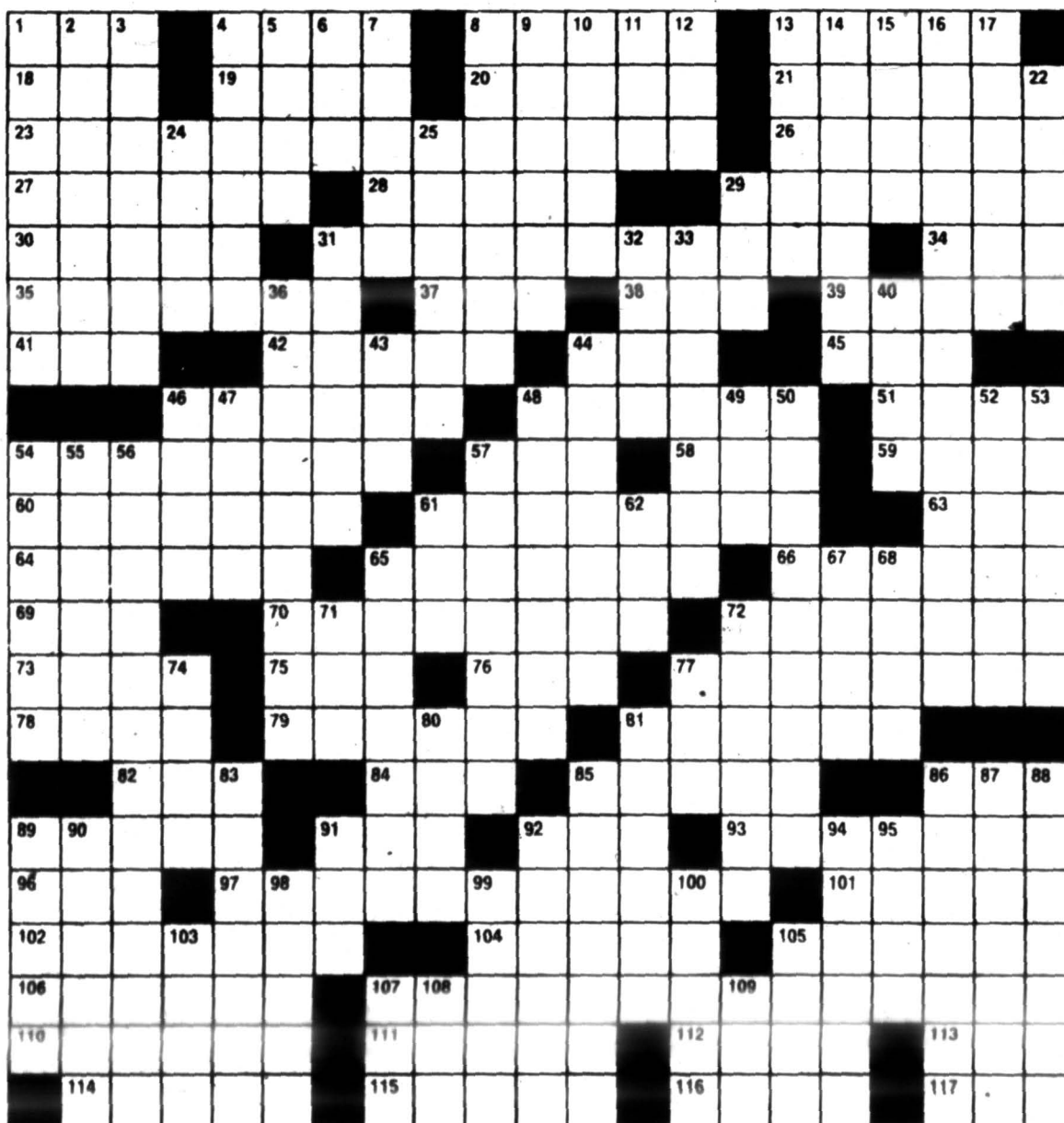
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Answers to this week's puzzle page 13A

Yuck! Unwanted shower fouls Sunset Center tenant

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MEMBER of Chamber Music Monterey Bay staff has produced the best evidence yet that the Sunset Center bathrooms are in urgent need of renovation.

At work late one night last week, Lynn (who preferred we not use her last name) received a grotesque surprise in the Sunset Center basement office: a 10 gallon shower of water and urine from the men's bathroom on the floor above.

"We've had leaks since I've been involved with the organization, with urine running down the walls from the men's urinal," said president Amy Anderson, who has been with Chamber Music Monterey Bay for five years.

"This was actually sprayed out of a pipe. It covered the room and Lynn. It was pretty awful."

Lynn said, "I could hear the toilet flush upstairs, and then it all came down on me.

We've had leaks before, but leaks drip. This went all over everywhere," drenching papers, files and their only computer.

"Lynn had a big sweater on and dove over the desk and covered the monitor," Anderson said of Lynn's effort to protect the equipment.

Moving the computer out of the way was not an option, Lynn said, because it is locked to the large office desk. She then grabbed a tray and used it to shelter the computer from the onslaught.

"Fortunately, it didn't last longer than about four minutes," she said. "I was starting to panic because I couldn't reach the phone and no one can hear you from down there."

But soon the shower stopped, and Lynn called Anderson in a panic. Sunset Center officials and a fireman responded, according to Lynn. They quickly locked the bath-

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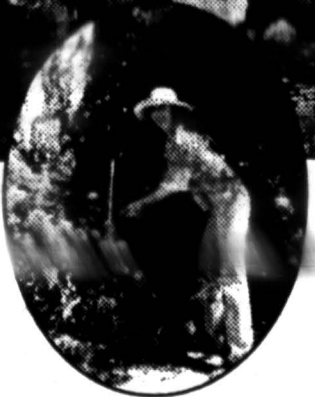
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Mountain of paperwork delays Monterey pine verdict

By PAUL MILLER

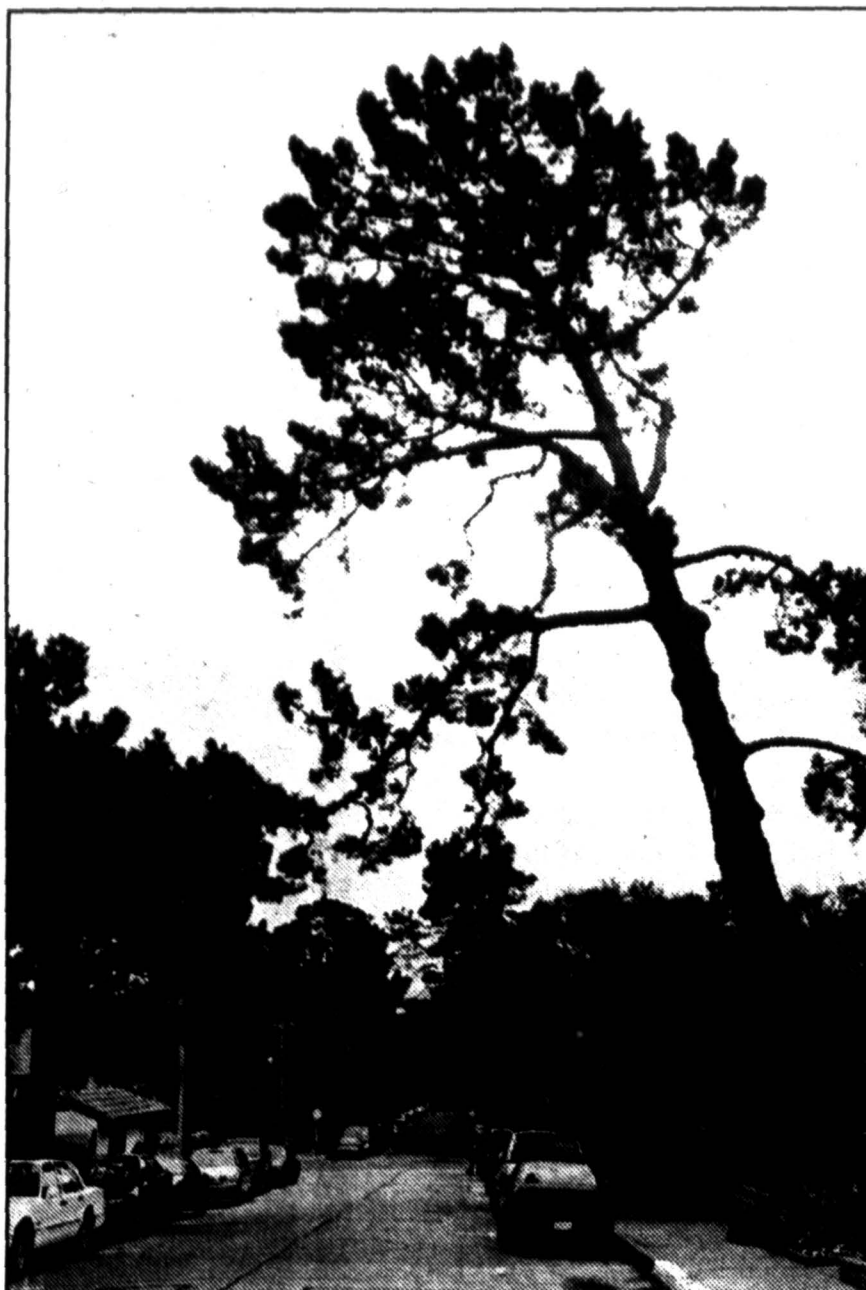
A PETITION seeking designation of the Monterey pine as a threatened species was withdrawn this week by the California Native Plant Society to give the California Department of Fish and Game more time to decide if the listing is warranted.

"They needed more time to do an adequate level of review of a really complex issue, and the only way we could restart the clock was to withdraw the petition and resubmit it later," said David Tibor, rare plant botanist for the CNPS.

Fish and Game officials in Sacramento have been inundated with comments — pro and con — about the proposed listing, Tibor said, and simply could not meet their Dec. 17 deadline for making a formal recommendation to the Fish and Game Commission.

"It's a huge issue and it's in everyone's best interest to have them do a good job, so we asked that our petition be withdrawn," Tibor said. The petition will be resubmitted in January or February, he said, giving Fish and Game experts another 120 days to make up their minds.

"I understand that the comments sent to Fish and Game in response to our petition include several environmental impact reports that have looked at the Monterey pine," said Mary Anne Matthews of the local CNPS chapter. She said



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This Monterey pine that looms over Dolores St. would be protected by state law if the species is declared "threatened."

the EIRs alone were thousands of pages, and that she had received "five or six pounds of materials" from Fish and Game, with more on the way.

Fish and Game officials handling the petition said questions about the proposed listing would have to be answered by senior biologist Ron Rempel, who did not return calls seeking comment.

Listing the pine as threatened is controversial because the trees are so plentiful, including millions on the Monterey Peninsula and more than four billion world-wide.

If the plant is listed, anyone wanting to remove one — even a landscape tree in their own yard — would need a "take" permit from the State of California to do so, opponents of the listing warned.

Such a permit can take months to process, Fish and Game officials conceded.

And several senior scientists oppose the listing because it would interfere with their research.

"Listing the Monterey pine as threatened is certainly not warranted in my opinion," Andrew Storer, a research entomologist at U.C. Berkeley with a doctorate in forest entomology from the University of Oxford, told The Pine Cone last month.

But Matthews said listing the tree is necessary to protect the Monterey pine in its native habitat, which has been greatly reduced over the years by development, and because so many of the trees are dying from the effects of the pitch canker epidemic.

"The species — *Pinus radiata* — is not going to disappear from the planet," Tibor acknowledged. But he said the tree is "already extinct" in much of its original range — a circumstance which he believes is sufficient to warrant listing the tree as "threatened" under California's Endangered Species Act.

"Under the law, the native distribution of the trees is what's important," Tibor said.

He agreed that people with a Monterey pine on their property — which includes tens of thousands of people on the Central Coast — were justified in being concerned about additional permit requirements.

But he said "initial discussions" with Fish and Game officials were "that there's going to have to be some standard permitting process for individual trees folded into existing layers of regulations."

"There's no intention on anyone's part to add another layer of regulations for removal of a tree in somebody's yard," Tibor said, even though some landscape trees might be important to the survival of the species if they come from "native seed stock."

Opponents of the listing say such talk is "sugar-coating" to lessen opposition to the proposed listing.

"Just wait until after Monterey pine is listed — you'll have lawsuits galore over this issue and somebody will find a judge who will say that not a single Monterey pine can be touched — period — because it's endangered," one large landowner, who did not want to be identified, said.

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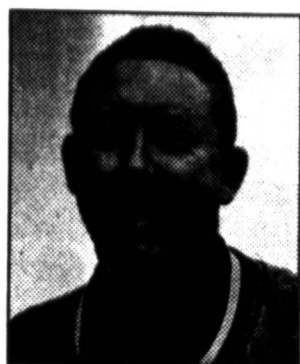
By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAN who made the mistake of fleeing the scene of an accident that wasn't his fault was arrested soon after, thanks to a reserve officer working his regular job as a building inspector that day.

Fermin Sanchez of Seaside was taken to jail after the Dec. 9 accident on Dolores Street and was charged with hit and run, driving on a suspended license and not having insurance.

"He said he left because he was afraid the police would catch him," said Carmel Reserve Police Officer Tim Meroney, who is Carmel's building official and does his police work for free. "And I told him, 'Well guess what? They did.'"

"The ironic part was that the accident



Officer Tim Meroney

was not his fault," Carmel Police Corporal Steve Rana said. "The other driver had pulled out slowly onto Dolores, saw no one coming, and then Sanchez came along, almost skidded to a stop, skidded into her, backed up a bit and drove off."

Both cars sustained moderate damage. The state vehicle code requires drivers involved in an accident to exchange insurance information no matter who is at fault. An accident causing more than \$500 in

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

PROVIDING A HAIR-RAISING account of her wild ride through the streets of Pacific Grove and on Highway 1 in a car driven by John Heard — currently being held in Monterey County Jail on numerous felony and misdemeanor charges — 33-year-old Kimberly Garcia testified on behalf of the prosecution during a preliminary hearing in Monterey County Superior Court Dec. 10.

Garcia testified that she had never met Heard before the evening of Nov. 12 when she said the incident occurred. A friend had brought Heard over to Garcia's Pacific Grove home.

"We were talking, watching TV and drinking some beer," said Garcia, who admitted that she had consumed a 40 ounce bottle of beer before Heard and her friend arrived. "I wanted to go get a pack of cigarettes, so we got in his car. He was speeding and I told him to slow down because there are a lot of cops around."

At that point, Garcia said she saw Pacific Grove Officer Craig Mosher in his marked

squad car turn on his red light to pull Heard over for speeding.

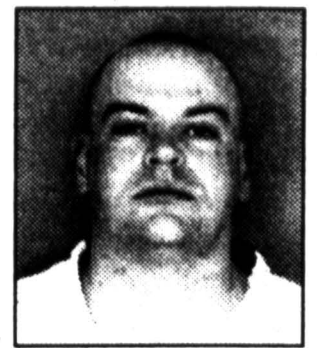
"The police officer turned on his red light and we took off," she told the court. "He said, 'I gotta run.'"

Garcia testified that Heard was driving fast, swerving and passing cars on P.G. streets and over Highway 68 towards Carmel. Garcia said cars on the other side of the road were forced to swerve onto the shoulder in order to avoid head-on collisions.

She repeatedly asked him to stop, she told the court. "He just said, 'Everything's all right. I know what I'm doing. I know where I'm going.'"

Heard drove his Pontiac Firebird into the parking lot at Carmel High, according to Garcia, and nearly hit a group of students.

"He went speeding into the parking lot and there was a group of kids standing



John Heard

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Maze teaches firefighters to escape conflagrations

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE 40-foot semi-trailer with the firefighter emblazoned on its side looks like any other large trailer being pulled down the highway.

But inside the trailer, parked at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station on Carmel Valley Road, hundreds of local firefighters every year learn to maneuver through tight, dark spaces — overcoming their fears and gaining valuable experience that can save the lives of people trapped in burning buildings and the people who go in after them.

The trailer is the Firefighting Maze, owned collectively by the 10 local fire departments that are members of the Joint Powers Agency (JPA). Packed within is a bi-level maze

of walls, panels and doors designed to simulate the smoke-darkened interior of a burning building.

"Most of it you cannot stand up in — you have to crawl," said Mid Carmel Valley Fire Captain Miles Schuler, the department's training officer for the past six years.

The maze includes stairs, narrow openings, trap doors that can be opened and shut to reconfigure the route, and sensors to keep track of firefighters inside, according to Schuler.

"It does have lights, but we usually use it without the lights," he said. "We can fill it with smoke if we need to, but that's not really necessary since we can turn the lights off."

More than anything else, training in the maze — which all new firefighters must do — accustoms them to working in the dark, according to Schuler.

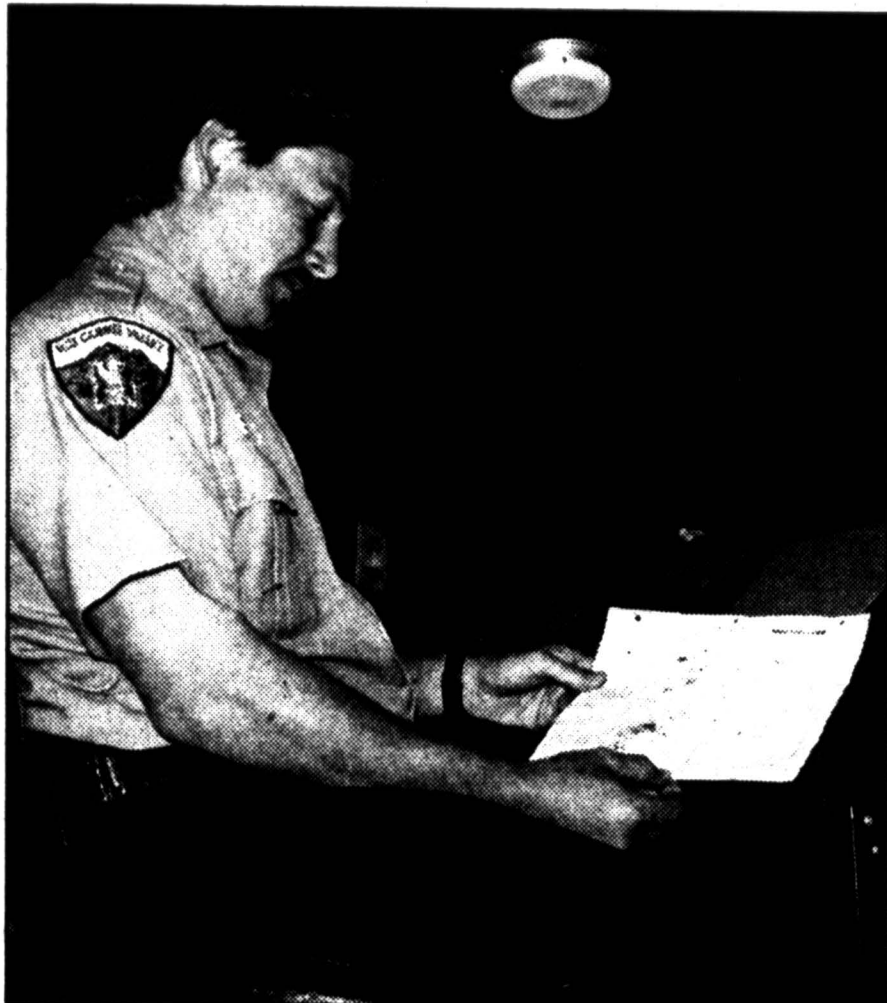
Many spaces inside the maze are too tight for a person to fit through without removing some of their bulky firefighting gear. Schuler said it's imperative that firefighters learn how to take off and put on their air tanks quickly in smoke-

filled, cramped spaces.

"It's being in a confined space, getting oriented to being confused," he said. "You get rid of the panic factor."

And panic is a common sensation for firefighters. "We've found a lot of people who will panic. We are trying to get them through that feeling," he said. "The first time I went through it 15 years ago, it was like nothing I had ever felt before."

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Mid Carmel Valley Fire Captain Miles Schuler sits at the control panel of the training maze used to help firefighters adapt to battling blazes inside structures.

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City's historic consultant will take another year to get the job done

By TAMARA GRIPPI

NINE MONTHS after Carmel nearly enacted an emergency moratorium because of urgent changes needed in the town's historic preservation ordinance, work on those changes has barely begun.

A consultant was picked Sept. 14 to survey the city's historic buildings, recommend changes to the laws that protect them and prepare an Environmental Impact Report — work the consultant has not yet attacked.

Some Carmelites are wondering what's taking so long.

City officials say numerous factors have contributed to the delay.

For weeks, officials in Carmel planning department have been working with the consultant — San Francisco-based

Carey and Company — to bring the company up to speed on the city's needs and improve the consultant's original proposal, ensuring that it addresses all of Carmel's major issues, according to Carmel Senior Planner Ben Berto.

Carey and Company will be holding its first informational workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan 5. The city hopes that its consultant will be able to wrap up the project within a year's time.

Last April, by a close vote, the Carmel City council decided against a 45-day moratorium on demolition or alterations to houses built before 1950. That moratorium could have been extended for up to two years.

Berto said one advantage of having a moratorium in place

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Pebble Beach woman must pay \$136,000 to fraud victims

By TAMARA GRIPPI

FRAUD VICTIMS who were swindled out of their savings by Pebble Beach resident Rhonda Farrah will receive restitution now that Farrah has been convicted on a 38-count indictment.

A federal grand jury in Hartford, Connecticut convicted Farrah on two counts of wire fraud, thirty-four counts of money laundering and two counts of federal income tax evasion December 13.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Genco said that under federal law, Farrah is required to pay restitution. "Her defense attorney, F. Lee Bailey, said that she would be wire transferring funds to a court account for the purpose of making restitution to two victims," Genco said.

Don Poling of Washington D.C. will receive \$100,000 restitution while the Rev. Donald Freidly of Virginia will receive \$36,000, Genco said.

The 41-year-old Farrah, who moved from Hebron, CT to the Carmel area in late 1994, was found guilty of pocketing money that she had promised to invest for clients. She hid the money by transferring it to various accounts — including several at a Carmel bank, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Evidence at the trial showed that Farrah induced the investors to wire the money to an account that she maintained in the name of Broadreach West, Ltd. by falsely telling them that she was a program manager for a "bridge investment program," or a "roll program" which would pay them ten times their investment in one year.

Don Poling said that he and his wife, Marilyn, were recommended to Farrah by a broker and had never met her in person.

Farrah promised the couple that their money would always be safe in their trading account, Poling said. However, after listening to months of "humongous stories" about why their investments had been held up, the couple asked for their money back.

When Farrah wouldn't return the \$100,000, the Polings called the FBI.

According to evidence at the trial, Farrah converted the money to her own use and moved to Carmel where she spent it to rent an ocean-front home and on her daughter's private school tuition.

Farrah's money-laundering convictions were based on 34 financial transactions conducted between November 1993 and July 1995. Farrah repeatedly moved the money around in order to hide it from the victims.

The tax evasion convictions were based on Farrah's 1993 and 1994 tax returns, in which she claimed to owe no money. She actually owed approximately \$8,000 for 1993 and \$31,000 for 1994.

Farrah is under electronic monitoring at her Pebble Beach home until she appears before U.S. District Judge Alvin

Thompson for sentencing Feb. 28. She faces up to 20 years imprisonment and \$500,000 fine on the money-laundering counts and five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on the wire fraud and tax evasion counts.

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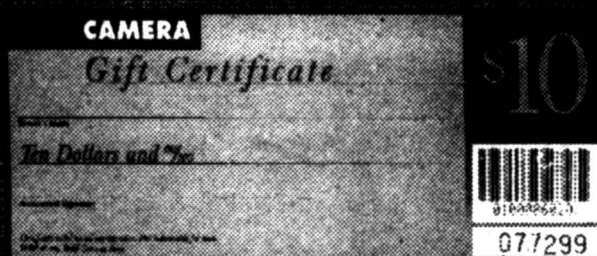
for nearly 20 years, specializing in capturing the town's unique characters and unusual customs, as well as its scenic beauty and small-town charm.

His cartoons decorate the walls of the Carmel Post Office, and last year Bates was declared a special moving humor zone by the Carmel City Council.

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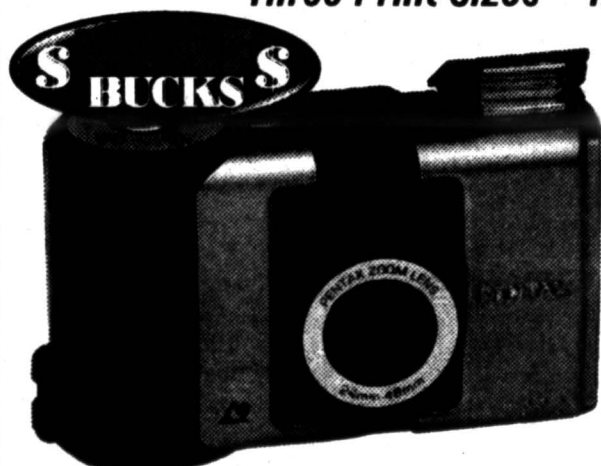
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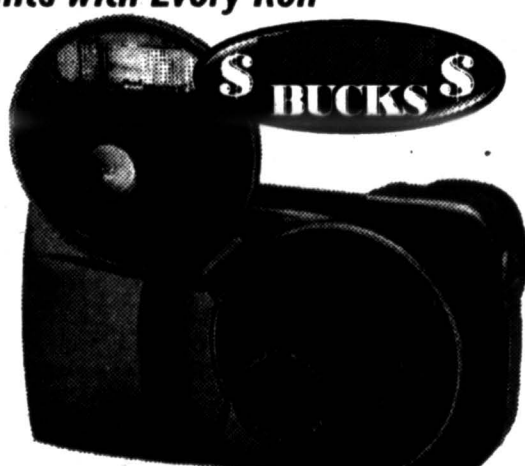


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WHITE

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by planning for the future," White said. White said that the work to upgrade the historic preservation ordinance and the completion of the city's local coastal program are also top priorities.

The mayor plays a special role in following through on such important projects, White said. "You have to kind of gently nudge and push and cajole and support the efforts to keep them on the agenda and keep them moving, overcoming little road blocks every once in a while."

White said the prospect of serving an unprecedented 10 years matters little to him.

"I don't pay any attention to that," White said. "We wouldn't be as far as we are today if we didn't have continuity on the city council."

Balancing the budget

Carmel City Councilman Marshall Hydorn, who was elected to the council in 1996, says one of the most important issues is "getting ourselves squared away financially."

The council has been struggling to provide an additional \$700,000 a year to the city coffers just to keep up with ongoing expenses. Most recently the council has been looking favorably at raising hotel room tax one percentage point.

"We need to come up with a balance financial plan that will not put undue strain on any particular segment of our population," Hydorn said.

Hydorn — who recently voted against selling Flanders Mansion — believe that the city should make it a priority to preserve the city's properties.

"I don't think we should sell off any park lands," Hydorn said. "We should rely on other resources instead of trying to divest ourselves of property we've taken years to accumulate."

The councilman — who serves on the city's design traditions steering committee — said he wants to be involved in completing the plan.

"Right now we're in the final stage," Hydorn said. "Now's the time we have to be objective but fair. We're trying to devise some changes to planning regulations that will allow people greater latitude in some directions and prevent being too restrictive."

Hydorn also wants to encourage a reorganization of city staff and facilities to increase efficiency.

He also wants to encourage a more affable spirit at council meetings. "I don't want people to bring political agendas into the city council," he said. "Can't we all just get along?"

Livingston, who will be seeking her third term as a city councilwoman, said she wasn't available for an interview this week.

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TRAINING

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Trainees must learn to get over their fear of being trapped as well, Schuler said, and there is nothing like a trip through the maze to help.

"There's a huge claustrophobia factor," he said. "When you're wearing 70 pounds of gear and you get into a tight spot, you're not going to be able to turn around very easily."

The Dec. 4 fire in Worcester, Mass., that killed six firefighters inside an abandoned warehouse was a shocking reminder of how dangerous a firefighter's job can be.

Environmentally sound

In this environmentally conscious era, the training maze has become a crucial part of preparing firefighters to battle structure fires and conduct search and rescue missions inside buildings.

That's because fire departments — for environmental and cost reasons — can no longer burn abandoned buildings for training exercises.

"We can't get the training buildings that we used to get. We can't burn those down because of pollution control — we can't do the real thing anymore," he said. "Trying to provide new people with realistic training is getting harder to do."

The training maze, which is stationed at Mid Valley but can be hauled around to various locations by a big rig, is used by JPA members in training 200 to 300 new firefighters every year.

Each JPA member — which includes fire departments from Carmel Valley, Mid Carmel Valley, Carmel, Carmel Highlands, Monterey, Seaside, Pacific Grove, Salinas Rural, Pebble Beach and the Cypress Fire Protection District — pays \$2,000 a year to maintain the training maze and the 40-foot tower also used for training.

Training avoids tragedy

The maze and tower were built in 1983, six years after a Mid Valley firefighter died in a structure fire.

The fire chiefs who started the venture

with \$10,000 seed money from Allstate Insurance opted to make the maze and tower mobile because land for a permanent site was too expensive, according to Schuler.

"It was a lot of work for the area chiefs who established this 20 years ago, and those of us newer people have inherited it," he said.

But with that inheritance has come an "ongoing maintenance nightmare," according to Schuler. The electrical system that runs the lights and sensors inside the maze dates back to the trailer's construction, so it often fails.

"It has old wiring that we can't afford to update," he said. "It takes a lot of work to keep it going."

Last year's money for maintenance went into making the trailer less of an eyesore — hence the new paint job — and legal for the street, Schuler said.

But the benefit of maze training is irreplaceable, he said. "It is pretty realistic. Your

Milestones

WILLIAM JOHN RAAB, 77, died Nov. 29 at his Carmel home. Mr. Raab was a nature lover, history and genealogy buff and a painter and photographer.

He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Rochester and was a research chemist with Shell Chemical Co. for 27 years.

Mr. Raab is survived by his wife, Jean, of Carmel, a son, two daughters and five grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Hospice Foundation.

A celebration of life honoring **JOANNA ROZEL AUSTEN** will take place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the Mission Mortuary Chapel in Monterey.

Mrs. Austen, a member of the Carmel Art Association, Friends of Photography and Peninsula Potters, died Dec. 6. Survivors include her daughter, Susan Stevens of Monterey. Memorials are suggested to the Carmel Art Association.

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Sandy Claws

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SHAKI MALEKI, 6, is shown here with her beloved optic orange beach ball. To give you some idea of Shaki's stature, her beach toy is about the size of a ping-pong ball.

Wednesday morning on Carmel Beach, Shaki was a champagne-colored blur of activity, fetching her ball, digging giant holes in the sand to drop it in, and flirting with great big dogs attracted to her 5-lb. fluffy and puzzlingly petite dimensions.



At home, with big brother, Dax — a 16-year-old Yorkshire terrier about half her size — she engages in spirited sibling shoving sessions. Even with bigger antagonists, Shaki can hold her own: Once, attacked in her

own garden by a raccoon who must have eyed her as a delectable morsel, Shaki wrestled the wild forest creature who tried in vain to get a grip on tiny Shaki through all that fluff. Rushing to the rescue, Mom Sissi managed to separate the two. Shaki was unscathed. Mom had to go to emergency to have her raccoon-bitten finger attended to.

When Shaki has need to go outside, she rings a bell suspended from a bracket Mom rigged up near the front door. A quick study, Shaki learned to ring it in no time at all, and if Mom doesn't respond quickly, Shaki bats it with ever-increasing urgency.

At night, Mom tucks elderly Dax into his basket, covering him with a blanket especially warmed for him, and Shaki gets to sleep on Mom's tum — everyone all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar plums dance in their heads.



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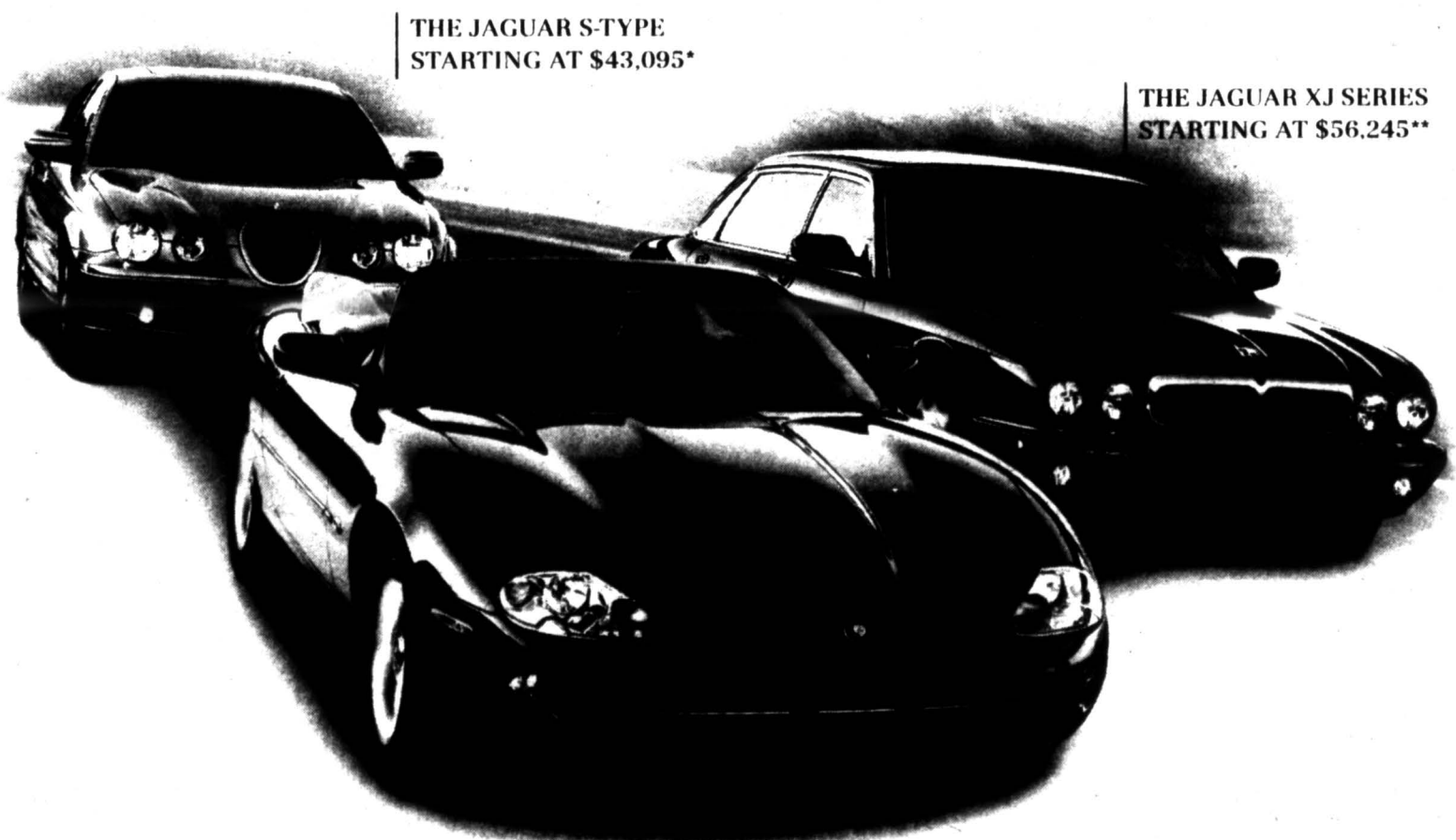
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Pacific Grove's TOT revenue for the quarter ending in September hit \$911,075, a 10.79 percent increase over the same period last year, and 5.79 percent above that anticipated in the city's budget.

Moe Ammar, president of the P.G. Chamber of Commerce, credited the increase to improvements in P.G. lodgings.

"Every time you have an innkeeper who remodels, TOT doubles for that specific inn," he said.

Ammar pointed to Greg Zimmerman, who has purchased and remodeled five lodging places in P.G., as a prime example.

"Every time, he buys old fixer-uppers and spends a lot of time and energy on them. And when they're finished, revenue just goes crazy," he said. "That's probably 70 percent of the reason for the TOT increase." He attributed the other 30 percent to aggressive marketing.

Carmel could do with some remodels, too, according to Ammar.

"In Carmel, it's really sad — there are some inns that really need fixing up," he said. "They're charging \$40 to \$50 a room, and they could be charging \$100."

Carmel's TOT revenue rose 9.3 percent between last year and this, from \$1,159,698 to \$1,267,698, but financial services coordinator Sandi Davenport said TOT income only increased 3.8 percent more than was anticipated in the budget. Unless the economy suffers, TOT numbers traditionally consistently increase, she said.

"It's not a particularly large rise, but it's a healthy increase," she said.

"We usually want the actual numbers right on or a little bit over. We budget conservatively, with that in mind," she

said. "There's an indication that the budget numbers were a little low."

But Ammar insisted that Carmel, with its similarities to Pacific Grove — the two cities even share a couple of innkeepers, Gary Luce and Roger Post — would benefit greatly if owners decided to spruce up their inns.

Bearing out his theory is the newly renovated Horizon Inn on Junipero, which closed for several months to remodel and reopened in April. It now does a brisk business, charging an average of \$25 more per room.

And despite the presence of strict design ordinances — another commonality of the two cities — Pacific Grove makes the planning process for renovations as smooth as possible, according to Ammar.

The process often starts with a city planner, someone from the economic development committee, a resident at large and a council member who meet with an innkeeper to discuss plans.

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BALLOT

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additional half percent was ultimately rescinded by the council amid accusations that the city was imposing a special tax under the guise of a general tax.

Tax or self-imposed fee

Another proposal — which was put forward by Carmel business people several months ago — would also collect one percent per hotel room per year as an assessment fee instead of a tax.

Those fees would be part of a larger business assessment district that proponents hope would generate \$750,000 annually to promote the city and provide improvements to downtown areas.

Last month the council made it clear that before it takes any action on the proposed business improvement district, city leaders first want to make sure there's consensus among business people.

Some at the meeting argued that it would be precipitous to increase the TOT before first finding out what's happening the the assessment district proposal.

"I feel a little uncomfortable going to taxpayers and registered voters asking for increases in fees and taxes when we have a few things left on the table — paid parking and a business improvement district," said Hazdovac.

Paid parking has also been a front-runner as a new revenue source for some time, but so far the council has stopped short of endorsing it out-right. The idea is currently being studied by a city committee which is expected to make its recommendations to the council soon.

Some who attended the Dec. 14 meeting argued that the city needs to do a better job of convincing the public

that Carmel's financial problems should be taken seriously.

"One of the biggest failings of the city is to get its message out to the public," said Melanie Billig. "As soon as we do that, I think we're going to see the public rise to the occasion."

Hazdovac disagreed. "This council has done more than any council in the past to get the information out there," she said.

Last May, Kersnar warned the council that it would need to come up with some way to add another \$600,000 to \$800,000 to the city's yearly cash flow.

The funding gap is caused, in part, by decreases in the city's tax revenues while the city's costs have continued to rise.

At the Dec. 14 meeting, council members also expressed interest in other new revenue proposals, including a parcel tax and development fees.

Councilwoman Sue McCloud suggested that the city take a hard look at its expenditures. "While we're looking at how we can increase our revenues, I don't think we should do that in isolation," she said. "We should look at any way we can realize savings such as providing incentives to our managers to come up with labor-saving ways."

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CHAMPAGNE AVAILABILITY: DON'T WORRY — BE HAPPY

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

IF YOU didn't fall for the dire warnings of a millennium Champagne shortage, your hunch was right — except that 3.0 liter jeroam of 1990 Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame Brut Champagne which you might have been eyeing, was snapped up Tuesday at a local source for \$599.95.

Yet prestige cuvées, such as a nice little Non Vintage Gosset Grande Reserve Brut for \$47.95, are waiting for you on wineshop shelves — and on supermarket shelves, low-end, drinkable bubbly starting at \$4.95 a bottle is there for the buying.

Paul Supancich, co-owner — with his brother Michael — of Rancho Cellars Fine Wine Merchants at 26340 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, assuaged his customers' panic by telling them the predicted shortfall of fine champagnes was not going to happen.

"We told our clients that we didn't believe there was going to be a big shortage," Supancich said. "It calmed them down. Some of the top-of-the-lines are selling out; there are certain ones we can't get in the \$100 to \$300 range."

Of these, Alpina Singh, wine education director who teaches classes at Rancho Cellars, said, "There's plenty of Champagne in Champagne, but they're not sending it to the distributors. They're saving it for next year," she said, indicat-

ing that some French Champagnes are being reserved for the real millennium next year.

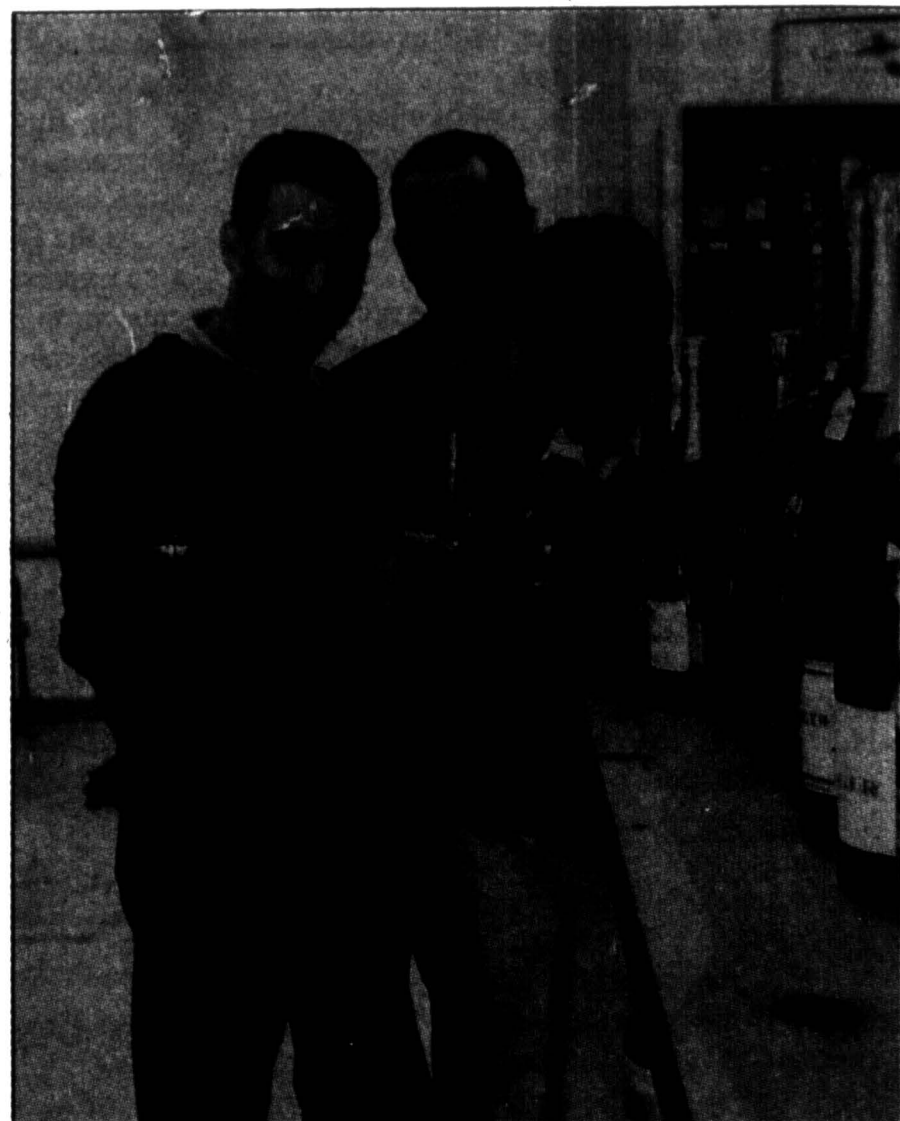
Singh said of the Veuve Clicquot Champagnes, "We're out of the '88 Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame and '89 Rosé (\$186.95), the '90 Brut and the '90 La Grande Dame (\$127.95) — but we have Non Vintage Roederer Brut Premiere Champagne (\$29.95) and from their Anderson Valley California property, we have the '93 Roederer Estate L'Ermitage Brut sparkling wine (\$39.95)."

Pros choose California Roederer

A '92 Roederer Estate L'Ermitage (\$29.95) from the Anderson Valley vineyards north of Napa Valley was chosen Number One by six New York wine pros in a blind tasting at Le Cirque 2000 arranged by Newsweek magazine. A mixed bag of five French Champagnes and California sparkling wines were tasted.

In their Nov. 29 issue, Newsweek reported that the California sparkling wine was chosen over a second place '93 Roederer Cristal' (\$170), a third place '92 Veuve Clicquot Grande Dame (\$99.95) and a '92 Dom Pérignon (\$109) that came in fifth. A '92 Schramsberg J. Schram sparkling wine from the Napa Valley (\$65) came in fourth.

It's no secret that California wines, sparkling and still, are giving French wines a run for their money in the fine wine



PHOTO/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

Toasting the new year and brisk Champagne and sparkling wine sales at Rancho Cellars Fine Wine Merchants, Carmel, are Marketing Director Jacques Milat (left), owner Paul Supancich, and wine education director Alpina Singh. An extensive display of millennium jeroams and magnums greets visitors just inside the main entrance.

categories.

Singh had a tip for those throwing a New Year's Eve party, those who love the best, but have to watch their pocket books: "You don't have to pay exorbitant prices," she said. "Toast the new year with the best, then drink other (less expensive) Champagnes," she advised.

Singh passed along what she terms "a steal" — an '88 Pommery Cuvée Louise Brut Champagne for \$114.95. But the staff at Rancho Cellars voted as the best champagne for bringing in the millennium a 1988 Domaine Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru for \$109.95.

Medium to lower priced Champagnes


As for Singh's recommendations for medium priced wines in the \$30 to \$40 range, she says that the \$29.95 Pierre Moncuit Les Mesnil Grand Cru Brut Blanc de Blancs is made entirely from grapes from Grand Cru vineyards and is 100% chardonnay. Of its "funky label," she advises, "Get past that. It's steely, mineraly and racy. Crisp and clean. Brut."

An "absolutely wonderful" \$39.95 non vintage brut Blanc de Blancs is Champagne Henriot," Singh says. "It's tasty. Just say no (to high prices) — drink Henriot!"

Of the lower priced sparkling wines, she recommends, at \$14, the Non Vintage Gruet from New Mexico. "Two Frenchmen who couldn't afford acreage in Napa Valley found what they wanted in New Mexico," she said. "A lot of restaurants pour their sparkling wine by the glass."

To bone up on recommended millennium champagnes and sparkling wines, oenophiles can log on to Rancho Cellars' web site at www.ranchocellars.com

Good Champagnes and sparkling wines to fit almost any pocketbook are available in wine shops on the Peninsula, in supermarket wine sections and at Trader Joe's and Costco. Don't hesitate to ask the wine section staff for recommendations.



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Holiday feast fare at Phil's Fish Market: awash in lobster, crab — and a lot more

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

CHRISTMAS DINNER at Phil DiGirolamo's house must be better than taking a gourmet trip to Southern Italy for the holidays.

Chatting with him about local availability of fresh shellfish for Christmas and New Year's Eve feasts, we learned that at Phil's house, Christmas Eve dinner starts with raw oysters and clams on the half shell, followed by an appetizer of cracked crab.

"Sometimes I marinate the crab in an

Italian dressing," he said. "And I love fried calamari," he continued.

After the calamari, comes the main pasta course: "We fry some jumbo prawns and make a delicious crab sauce for the pasta. And for dessert we have homemade Sicilian cannoli — my grandmother's recipe — the real McCoy," he said, adding that he makes both a vanilla and a chocolate cannoli shell.

Who better to know the secrets of buying and preparing shellfish and any kind of seafood, than DiGirolamo, who owns and runs Phil's Fish Market and Eatery at 7640

Sandholdt Road, across that long, one-way bridge over the marina at Moss Landing?

The live crabs DiGirolamo features from Monterey Bay and Northern California he sells cooked whole, cracked and cleaned. "There are some immature crabs with soft shells up and down the coast, but I've been trying to get the hard shells. We pay a little bit more for them. Usually, crabs are in the \$4 range, but now they're higher," he said, quoting a \$5.99 a pound figure as of Tuesday this week.

Lobsters on New Year's Eve

"For New Year's Eve at home, we're into lobsters," he said, "and Russian black sturgeon caviar with a little Champagne."

At the fish market they carry two types of lobster: spiny lobsters from Santa Barbara and Maine lobsters flown in from Maine or Canada. The Maine lobsters, DiGirolamo says, are sweeter and more delicate, and have large, heavy claws with lots of meat. "People like the Maine lobsters steamed and whole,"

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sense."

Schueller said the district's requirement that 15 percent of any water transfers be dedicated to reducing the overdraft of the Carmel River "insignificant."

"It would have to be a larger amount than that to be acceptable," Schueller said. He would not elaborate on what percentage he feels would be proper.

Transferring water credits saved through conservation measures is one of the few ways the district has found to provide water for construction projects. Under current district rules, for instance, someone who needs water can retrofit plumbing or appliances to low-flow and free-up water for use elsewhere. On a large scale, a golf course could retrofit to low-flow landscaping irrigation and "create" water credits to use elsewhere or sell. Fifteen percent of the freed-up water must be dedicated to remain in the Carmel River aquifer.

In the case of Robles del Rio, 9.2 acre-feet were actually freed up with the new wells. According to Bridges, 15 percent of that will go to the river and another 15 percent will be given free-of-charge to the county for a project to benefit the community. "It could be for affordable housing, or some public building, or be dedicated to the river," Bridges said. He described the Robles project as a win-win-win: "The river benefits, the community benefits, the people on the

waiting list benefit and the money raised from the transfer of water credits will go to restore an important historic building." Robles del Rio Lodge, built in 1932, is being renovated by owner Glen Guries.

But all those benefits are not compelling enough for the state regulators to see the project as proper, according to Schueller.

"We might be putting the kibosh on a similar project in the future," Schueller said. "We want the district to make a proposal that is consistent with the state order [to reduce pumping from the Carmel River] and not just continue to ignore us." Schueller says the state put the district on notice more than two years ago that their "water credit program reduces the opportunity for demand reduction [on the river] and was considered a violation" of state orders. "We requested a response from the county, Cal-Am, and the district which was never received," Schueller said.

If the district continues to approve deals like Robles del Rio's, Schueller indicated the state could retaliate by reducing the amount of water the community is allowed to use. Fuerst said that could end up punishing everyone in the next dry spell. "The state seems to be saying, 'You could be saving all the water, banking it, and keeping it all in the river. Since you are allowing that water to be reused, we are going to decrease the amount we will allow you to take this year,' which could mean more severe rationing for everybody in a drought," Fuerst said.

It's just another way to tighten the screws on the peninsula and force the community to solve the overall water problem. Schueller said, "If the local community doesn't want to build a dam, that's fine with us. But we want a solution. No solution is not an acceptable alternative."

Schueller added that he wants to work with the district to find ways to encourage conservation, which means that some benefit must go to the person paying for the water savings. Reducing the amount transferred, and increasing the amount returned to the river is the goal, he said.

In the meantime, the state's Dec. 3 letter probably makes Robles del Rio's water more valuable on the open market. While Bridges would not elaborate on what the asking price is or how many people have signed contracts to buy it, he did say that his client still has a supply of the wet stuff to sell.

Tree workshop will discuss oak beetles

THE CITY Foresters from Carmel, Monterey and Pacific Grove are hosting a workshop to educate residents about the latest threat to oaks — bark beetle infestations.

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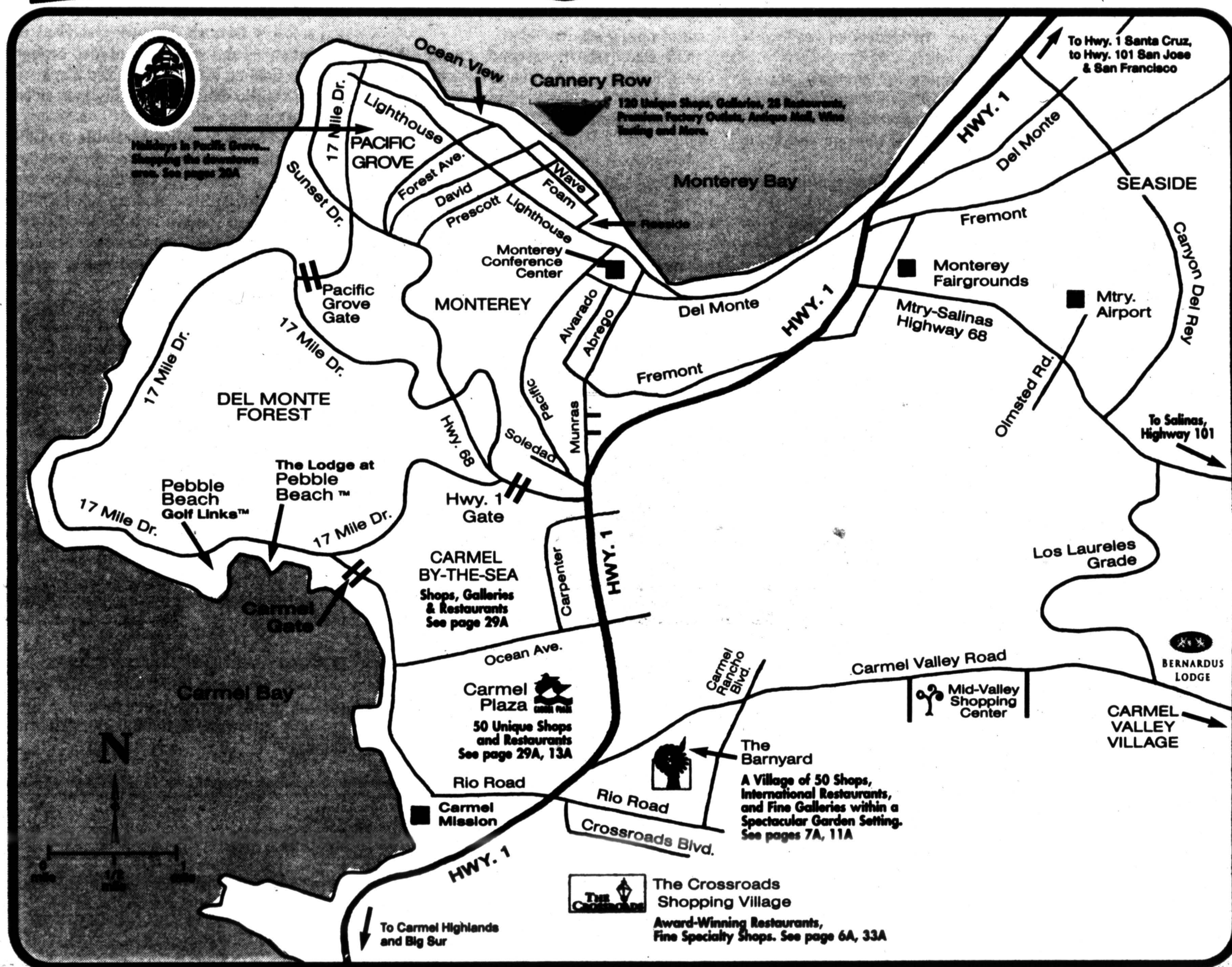
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KANSAS CITY native Karrin Allyson has established herself as one of the very best female vocalists in jazz today. A "featured regular" performer at the Jazz & Blues Company in Carmel, she performs there tonight (Dec. 17) at 7:30 in support of her fifth recording, "From Paris to Rio."



Karrin Allyson

Born in Great Bend, Kansas, Allyson came to jazz late. She began her music career as a folksinger and performed in an all-female rock band. She discovered Thelous Monk while attending college and in 1987 she moved to Minneapolis where she started working regularly as a jazz singer. In 1992 she was signed by Concord Jazz by the late Carl Jefferson and four subsequent releases have earned her wide praise.

An emotional ballad singer noted for her mastery of lyric interpretation, Allyson's latest release reveals yet another side to the talented Midwesterner. Singing in French and Portuguese and covering a wide territory that includes sambas and bossa novas, Allyson is clearly comfortable with Brazilian material. Still, her greatest strength lies in her treatment of the Great American Songbook.

She appears at the Jazz & Blues Company tonight along with Kansas City musicians Bob Bowman on piano and Danny Embry on guitar.

Spanish lute virtuoso

Sunday night (Dec. 19), Barbarito Torres, a virtuoso of the laud (or Spanish lute), appears at the intimate jazz venue in support of his debut release on Atlantic Records, "Havana Café." A featured performer on the Grammy Award-winning "Buena Vista Social Club," Torres will be joined by vocalist Conchito Torres, bassist Victor Villa, guitarist Nilso Arias, percussionist Pedro Vargas Oliva and vocalist Sonia Perez.

A member of the legendary Grupo Campoalegre and the founder of Piquete Cubano, Barbarito was prominently featured in the recordings of the Afro Cuban All Stars. Playing traditional Cuban music in a wide variety of forms, Torres goes for the spicy and energetic.

Both concerts at the Jazz & Blues Company are \$30. Call 624-6431 for reservations.



Torres

Promising future

Young Monterey Peninsula pianist Milton Fletcher has been wowing international audiences now for over half a decade. A senior at Monterey High School, Milton has already performed with the Monterey Jazz Festival California All Star Band on the Main Stage on three occasions. A member of the popular blues/jazz quartet Blue Nova, Milton has played at other major jazz festivals in both Europe and Japan.

Winner of the prestigious Best High School Performer at this year's Reno Jazz Festival, he is an outstanding young man with a promising future. This Saturday, Dec. 18, Fletcher performs a solo concert at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books and Records in Sand City. There is no cover charge. Catch him at this pleasing venue while you still have a chance.



Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Must-see alert

Every so often I get a call from local songbird Alisa

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Barry Bonifas and wife Renée Sherrer were in a great party mood at the CBA's Green Ribbon dinner.



Kathie Shopshire and Edie Karas were up against the wall from the crush of guests at the Chartwell fundraiser.

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Bob McDonald, Peter Brooks and the gorgeous Caroline Jones caught here at the Chartwell fundraiser.

Carmel Business Association Pitcher of Prosperity overflows

THERE ARE some crises in life that you really pray occur when you're close to home — if they have to occur at all.

Your car's engine rebels and overheats.



People and Places

By Sissi Maleki

Your last meal starts feuding with the rest of your stomach's contents.

The baby you were holding burps more enthusiastically than necessary — on your blouse.

You can't find your wallet and you're on your last drop of gas.

You get the picture. I'm sure you have your own collection of dreaded events.

BUT — have you ever noticed how inconvenient it is to be near your home when you're in a mad rush and other stuff happens?

Your button comes off your jacket. You get a run in your stockings. You drop your red lipstick on your white skirt.

In those irritating life moments, there's great relief in knowing you can't do anything about "it" because you're nowhere near your house to repair the damage and waste even more time!

And you need for that to really be the case because when you're a lousy liar like I am, fiction doesn't feel good. Passing off some sartorial flaw as an oh-it-just-happened disaster when it really occurred while still standing on my lot of record, causes me to start hearing voices. Voices that repeatedly chant, "You're just a lazy slob and now everybody's gonna know it, niah niah niah niah..."

So if you've noticed that huge coffee stain on my blouse, it really just happened! (And never mind that I was a stone's throw from my "lot of record"!)

THE CARMEL Business Association is like no other: its celebrations are reminiscent of family affairs.

On Dec. 1st, the second annual CBA Green Ribbon of Excellence awards dinner was held at La Playa. It was an evening filled with merriment, teasing and celebration.

New board member Sylvia Savage, who considers herself "a puppy/guppy/tadpole" in the organization, stayed away from the champagne preceding the dinner as a precaution. "I'm one of the presenters, so I better moderate my champagne!" Talk about dedication to the task!

Sylvia also continues to be amazed at all the generous but quiet work that's done behind the scenes in the Carmel business community. Coming from Southern California where everyone wants to claim credit, "it's so surprising and refreshing to me," she observed.

Some who caught up on each other's news included Jan Van Bibber, Carroll Fergusson, antique dealer Maxine Klaput and Tina Fukumoto.

Renée Sherrer was dressed in clothing from her new store in town, "smARTwear." In the last few weeks, I've run into several people wearing especially original items and each time, have discovered they had shopped at Renée's. When she told me her background is in textile design, it explained the very unusual selection she offers.

First National Bank's Demi Briscoe appeared to have somehow tapped into a mysterious Fountain of Youth: She looked

smashing, with her slim-fitting outfit and radiant smile.

PacRep's Debby Alexander showed off her flat shoes and said she had also brought along a helmet. After last year's black eye received while dancing, this tiny lady needs all the protection she can get!

Alain Pinel's Yvonne McBride was trying to settle down after a major stressful day: In charge of decorating the company's tree for the Carmel Music Society's Festival at the Crossroads, she ran into delivery delays and lost her planned crew of six. So there she was, hanging powdered sugar cookie ornaments for hours!

Jeweler Kirkor Kocok had a superb evening, being generally in a great mood, a witty presenter and ultimately the Green Ribbon winner in his category. Another presenter, Tom Glidden, was a bit groucher: "This darn cummerbund — after Thanksgiving I can't fit into my suit any more!" he complained.

This was Bernardus Lodge General Manager Jim Cecil's first CBA award dinner, but given the way his place has been throwing itself into community activities, I wouldn't be surprised to see him as a nominee next time.

I definitely call this event a "Carmel family affair!"

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Mayor Ken White, David Whorf, Jack Gorry and Laurel Whorf momentarily interrupted during some laughs at the CRA dinner party.



Barbara Burnett, Terry Layne and Kay Barber were some of the quite elegant ladies at the CRA dinner.



Some of the younger crowd at the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce bash: Kyra Goodyear and Judi Ricupero.

Chartwell's annual "Party in a Pear Tree" gala is in that elite handful. Attend it and you'll be surrounded by glamour, elegance, gorgeous women and dashing men. In other words, the crème de la crème of our community — both younger and older, I should add.

Donna Woods, chatting with Chartwell godmother (as in "very valued supporter") Jean Draper, wore a most original rhinestone-studded bow tie with panache.

"Party princess" and organizer Donna Jett was very relieved over the final outcome of the auction for a Seabourn cruise. "They wanted to send the lucky bidders to the Bahamas in October — even I know that's hurricane season . . . I read the papers!" She somehow finagled them into offering an Istanbul trip — a real prize!

Donna's stunning daughter Caroline Jones also attended, escorted by her beau, Los Angeles financier Bob McDonald. Turns out they met each other at a party at Spanish Bay.

Video filmmaker Pat Ireland, who produced Chartwell's wonderful video on the school, confessed that the wildest assignment he ever had was for a company making windshields for fighter jets. He actually had to film them while they tested the windshields by firing frozen chickens at them out of a cannon!

Stewart Fuller, a former board member, attended with his beautiful wife Shane. "It's been really rewarding to see Chartwell develop into a full-fledged school," he observed.

Board member Virginia Cooper still recalls the humiliation she experienced as a dyslexic child, especially during spelling bees. "I

could have really benefited from a school like this," she added.

Others mingling in the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd included board member Russ Wilkes and wife Judith, Carol and Jeff Johnson, Joyce Scampa, CSUMB President Peter Smith and wife Sally, Chris and Tom Nelson and Mary McCary.

Harvey Kilpatrick, emcee, blamed his involvement with Chartwell on Nicki McMahan's sneaky approach. "She walked in one day and said, 'By the way, can you just help us out for a little bit?'" Eleven years later, Harvey's still "helping"!

Sidney Slade, escorted by Frank Quilty, bid on every silent auction item she could find. "But I really want the Tahoe cabin," she revealed.

Peppy Frisone, with hubby Larry, was already looking forward to having all her kids gathered around for the holi-

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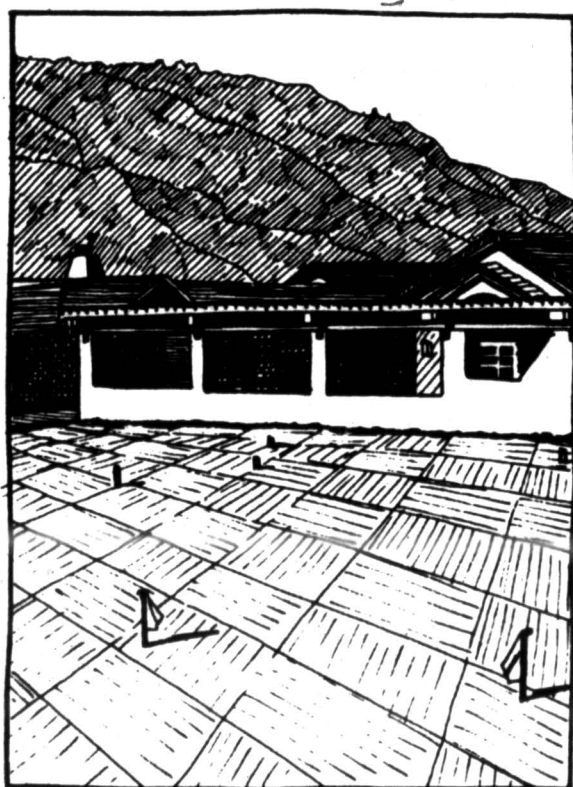


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PEOPLE

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days. "Having two of them in New York makes the holidays really special," she said.

Event chairman **Bruce Michels** had a job made in heaven: "Over 30 people — parents, grandparents and others — contributed items and did everything so I didn't have to do much at all!" he confessed.

Bridget Marie Hildebrand wore a smashing red hunt-styled formal jacket. Though she's still helping out as a teacher at Chartwell, she's also very busy with her consulting practice teaching etiquette to executives in Silicon Valley and elsewhere. Having organized corporate events for 15 years, she feels right at home in the corporate world. To add to her skills, she just completed training in Washington for teaching etiquette to children. "I've always been a stickler for manners with kids," she explained. "Maybe it's because I was raised to be really careful about how I behaved."

Jayne Brinton didn't look the worse for wear after having hard-boiled 150 eggs and sprayed them gold for use in table centerpieces. In fact, she looked quite glamorous in her evening gown.

The evening included a celebration of a bunch of birthdays including **Pam Michels**, **Hunter Finnell** and **Jean Draper**, who's b'day was actually the next day.

Christmas parties galore!

We folks here may lack snow for Christmas sledding, but other than that there's no shortage of Christmas cheer to get you into the holiday spirit!

Here's a rundown on two Christmas parties that took place around town. And for all those stricken with the flu and whose empty chairs were noted — maybe you can pretend

you were there by reading about them . . .

Carmel Residents Association: In an ongoing holiday tradition, the CRA crowd held their annual dinner at La Playa on Dec. 6th.

Sally and Milt Williams, **Trudi and Chuck Koehler**, **Barbara and Monte Bryan** — all were there not only for the merrymaking but also to share the pleasure they get from living in this area, having moved from other, less magical regions.

Mellanie Moran was still trying to recover her reputation from the last time we met. She had been standing with friends when I told her she was "overexposed." What I meant — and she understood correctly — was that I had had her name too often in my columns. Well, her over-imaginative friends thought she had been secretly living a more risqué life.

City administrator **Jere Kersnar** came with his lovely wife **Cheryl Smith** while **Jack Gorry** introduced himself as a fugitive from the Carmel Planning Commission.

Susie and Don Carr were feeling back to normal after their month-long trip to Mexico in September. That's when you can attend — as they did — independence day festivities in a string of small towns. Oh, and by the way, they drove down and back!

Terry Layne doesn't stand still for too long, either. Not long back from New Zealand, she's about to take off for Antarctica.

Quite puzzling is what I discovered to be the secret desire of **David Whorf**: to get his photo in the Pine Cone. This could be more understandable if David led a duller life. But nothing could be further from the truth! David's a real honest-to-goodness movie producer and director who has hung out with the likes of Jimmy Cagney and Barbara Stanwyck and most recently did a TV movie with Roma Downey. And thanks to his father, **Richard Whorf**, being an actor, David grew up down south kicking the ball with the Crosby kids and others like them. In fact, his whole genetic make-up is chock-full of talent. David's great uncle, **John Whorf**, was a noted watercolorist and protégé of **John Singer Sargent**. Another relative, **Benjamin Whorf**, was one of the first linguists. Phew! Can you imagine the pressure if you're born in that family?

Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce:

Bernardus Lodge was the generous host of the C.V. Chamber party presented this year on Dec. 7th.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres and good wine kept the crowd chatting at length. More than one guest commented on the friendly, close-knit relationships that strengthen the village spirit.

Chamber President **Demi Briscoe** is getting to the end of her second term and this time, she "happily passes on the baton" to incoming president **Michael Cawdrey**. In her end-of-year speech, she spoke of the "fun of living in Carmel Valley" and thanked **Jim Smith** and **Mary Clark** for all their volunteer work.

Among those present were **Larry Davis** and **Bridget Harless** who are now an "item," **Dawn Callan** who's busy with her self-defense training business, "Awakening the Warrior Within," and **Mark Sandler** of **Murphy Lumber**, with his 10-year-old daughter **Anyssa**.

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THE BOOKSHELF

Cantankerous cat turned sleuth scores again

SHIRLEY ROUSSEAU Murphy fans will be pleased to know her latest mystery novel has arrived on local bookstore shelves just in time for Christmas. "Cat to the Dogs" is the fifth in Murphy's series of adult fantasy books starring Joe Grey, P.I., a cantankerous male cat-turned-sleuth who



By Margot Petit Nichols

feeds information to the police via telephone to help them solve mysteries, bring killers to justice and peace to Molina Point — a coastal town bearing a striking resemblance to Carmel-by-the-Sea (where Murphy happens to live).

Joe has to use a telephone to communicate his news to the police chief because he's quite sure the chief would die of a heart attack if he knew tips were coming from a talking cat. If this premise seems preposterous, it is, but Murphy's a

master of fantasy, and her remarkable writing skill carry us willingly into such suspension of reality.

No fan of adult fantasy, I admit I've become addicted to reading Murphy's Joe Grey mysteries. They have a dark side, and in this latest book, Molina Point is visited by a clan of uncouth characters who bring death and thefts to the quite village. A mysterious Netherworld emerges from hidden caves down the coast, and a new protagonist appears in the form of a helpless tortoiseshell kitten.

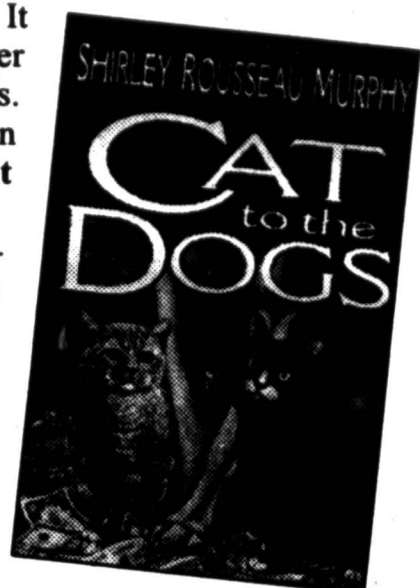
Dulcie, Joe's cat heartthrob and companion — who also has the gift of human speech — takes to the abandoned tyke, recognizing a kindred spirit. It looks as if we can expect another articulate feline in future books. Murphy is already working on the sixth in the series, "Cat Out for Blood."

Murphy is a five-time recipient of the Council of Authors and Journalists Award. She writes with a great facility for description, using English with a refinement of phrasing and cadence much appreciated by the careful reader. Her plots are well developed and always culminate in a satisfying manner.

"Cat to the Dogs" is available at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel, and other local bookstores. It's a just-released 256-pager hardcover published by HarperCollins, and retails at \$22.

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'Belle of Amherst' offers inspired vision of American poetess

By LINDA and TOBY ROWLAND-JONES

WHAT GOES ON in the mind of a poet? No one really knows for sure. Dedicated to their art and voice, they are single-minded individuals, encouraging us to see and feel so much more than we would without them.

"The Belle of Amherst," written by William Luce and presented by the MPC Players, offers an inspired vision of what 19th century American poetess Emily

Dickinson thought and felt about her work and life. It runs through Dec. 19 at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel.

Leading lady Marlie Avant brings this passionate, early feminist poetess to shimmering life in her one-woman show, directed by Conrad Selvig. The play is so convincing that, as we slide down into the plush seats in the Carl Cherry Center Theater, we feel we are indeed settling in for an afternoon of tea and deep conversation with this great lady of poetry.

The production succeeds on many levels. The set creates rooms in Dickinson's New England home, transporting us to her parlor, bedroom, hallway and porch. The music and lighting take us to different hours of the day and stages in her life.

"The Belle of Amherst" is beautifully written, interspersing Dickinson's poetry with anecdotes and "conversation" with the audience. Avant excels in showing us an era of gentility, and by bringing other characters to life through her precise and gifted acting. Way ahead of her time, Dickinson's strength of character is deeply moving. A "spinster" and recluse, she never left her family home, yet she is completely devoid of self-pity. Through her poetry she shares her joyous views on Nature, God, time, family relationships, death, society, love and immortality. Publishers rejected her ecstatic poetry, she experienced unrequited love many times, yet she found her true paradise, the "paradise within the soul," and was content.

Avant and Selvig, thoroughly familiar with the material from a previous performance together 11 years ago, find they are continually awakening to the beauty and significance of Dickinson's rich language. These reviewers left the theater determined to read more of her work, to better experience the depth of the soul revealed in the play.

"The Belle of Amherst" is a good reason to bypass the movie house or video store for a taste of true poetry. As we celebrate this

holiday season, it is good to remember Dickinson's words, "All I know of Love, is Love is all there is."



Marlie Avant as the Belle

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Growth is major for Carmel's Pacific Repertory Theatre

By ANNE PAPINEAU

LIKE SOME rapidly maturing adolescent, Pacific Repertory Theatre is coming into its own, yet remains young enough to revel in its achievements. And this is one growth spurt that is far from finished.

"The next five years are going to see a huge transition at Pacific Repertory Theatre, from being a semi-professional regional theater to a full-on professional Equity company servicing the entire Central Coast," observed Artistic Director Stephen Moorer.



Moorer

PacRep has traveled light years from the minuscule ensemble Moorer founded in 1982 that staged plays in Carmel's intimate Carl Cherry Theater and other modest venues. Today PacRep puts together a season of Shakespeare at the Outdoor Forest Theatre, a month's worth of free shows at Monterey's Custom House Plaza, and produces a blend of works at its home base on Monte Verde Street, the 300-seat Golden Bough Playhouse and the 99-seat Circle Theatre.

The company is at work retiring the mortgage on the venerable Carmel playhouse, and is less than \$150,000 from that goal. Phase II of its capital campaign will involve making substantial improvements in the Circle and the Golden Bough, including installation of a mechanical stage floor and orchestra pit.

"We've had a long-range vision for 17 years now and it really hasn't wavered," Moorer said. "We're just thrilled that it's come so fast. It took Ashland (Shakespeare Festival) 50 years before they were even heard-of outside of southern Oregon. We've gone from a community theater to a regional repertory company, from an organization to an institution."

PacRep has further expanded to include educational programs. January will see the launch of a musical theater after-school program for students ages 7 to 14, lead by Marianne Schaupp-Rousseau. John Farmanesh-Bocca already heads a vocational program for high school students who are pursuing theater as a career. Audiences can observe the

fruit of their efforts this weekend when they perform Moliere's "Tartuffe" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Circle Theatre. And PacRep has received a start-up grant from the Vital Spark Foundation to offer educational outreach to at-risk local children in outlying communities.

It's show time

But to the typical observer, PacRep is a place to take in a show. Already, auditions have begun and tickets sold for Season 2000. Whereas PacRep established a reputation for staging intense drama — witness the recent "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Inherit the Wind" and "King Lear" — the byword for next year is "comedy."

"This season will be accessible to everyone," said Moorer, who has final say as to what PacRep will stage from year to year.

"I get advice from a lot of quarters. Then I kind of close the door, barricade myself in and make my final choices," he said.

The line-up is to include "Guys and Dolls," "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," "A Flea in Her Ear," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "Volpone."

'We've gone from a community theater to a regional repertory company, from an organization to an institution.'
— Stephen Moorer

2000 will also be the year PacRep takes flight — or at least several of its actors will. The same company that carried Cathy Rigby aloft in "Peter Pan" on Broadway will be employed to build flight rigging at the Outdoor Forest Theatre next summer. PacRep will stage its own "Peter Pan," as well as "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the latter featuring a skyborne fairy kingdom.

"Imagine a 40-foot truss across the Forest Theater skyline," Moorer said. "From that happens the magic of flying."

All this takes not only vision, but money. The artistic director is quick to credit the hard work of the PacRep board of directors. To the board, including President Sherrie McCullough and vice presidents Hilton Bialek and Lee Cox, goes applause for acquiring and upgrading theater facilities,

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MaryAnn Schaupp-Rousseau and Michael Jacobs rehearse the roles of Adelaide and Nathan Detroit for the PacRep spring production of 'Guys and Dolls.'

At right, 'Tartuffe' will be staged for a final weekend by students of PacRep's School of Dramatic Arts. Vinnie Cardinale as Tartuffe is surrounded by his adoring followers, from left: Jessica Filgate, Anna Greenfield, Anne-Louise Marquis and Miriam Wolodarski.



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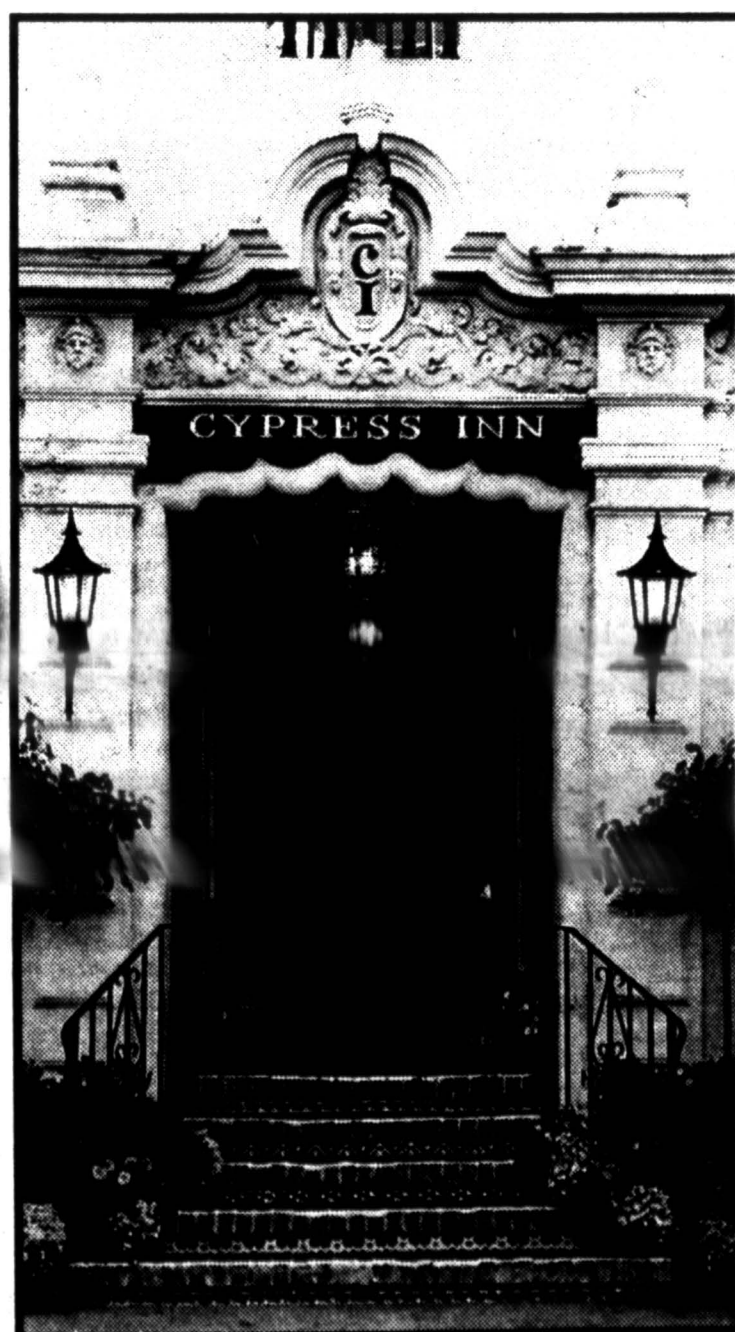
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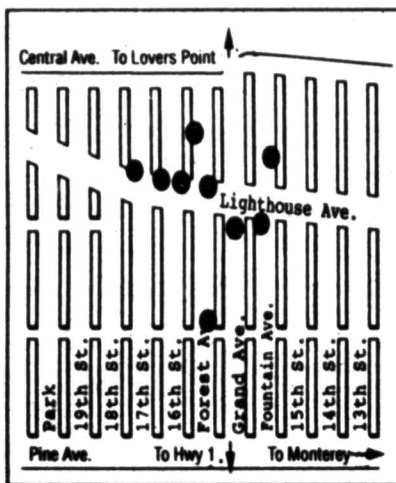
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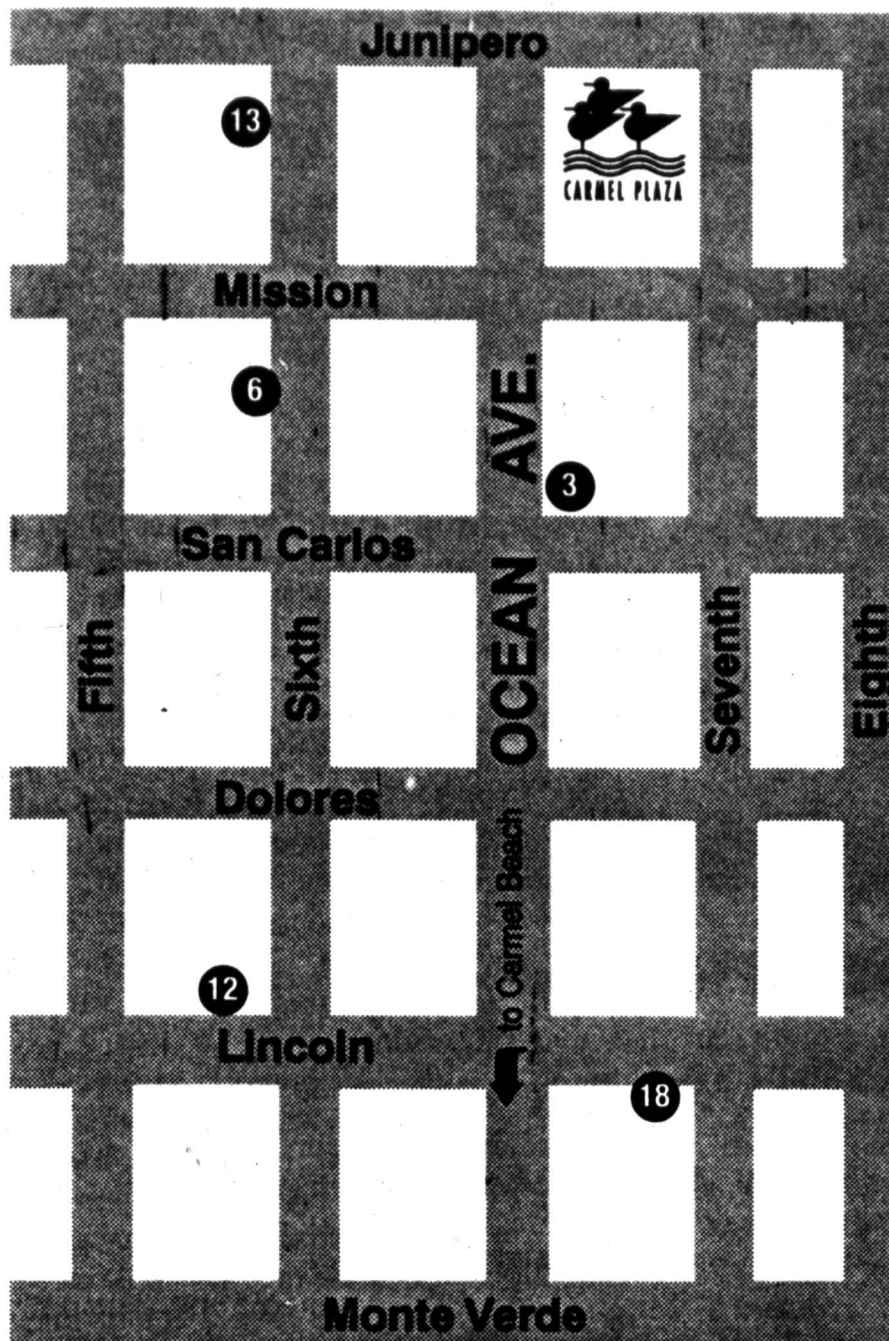
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expanding staff and even freeing the founder to some degree from the administrative side of theater that he might tackle more creative efforts.

"This year, the board put up \$50,000 as a challenge to be matched by the community," he said. "The community has come through with over \$40,000 so far. We rely on a lot of foundation and corporate support. The board has become one of the strongest nonprofit boards in the county, as far as fundraising

and good name.

"We're up to a \$750,000 annual budget, and that will be a \$1 million budget in four more years," he added.

Those involved are banking on the concept that out of all these resources will come priceless theater memories.

"We're planning on a number of technical enhancements that will really turn the Golden Bough Playhouse into a state-of-the-art facility and the finest 300-seat theater on the West Coast. It will be the perfect complement to the Sunset Center, and it will complete the concept of Carmel as a real performing arts center," Moorer observed.

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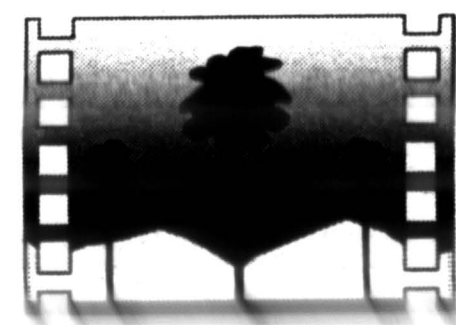
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By MARY BROWNFIELD

FORGET SLEEPING in on New Year's Day or quietly nursing a champagne hang-over. Organizers of the Resolution Run want you to start the new year off right by putting one foot in front of the other for a good cause.

The annual walk and run — a local tradition celebrating its 10th year on Jan. 1, 2000 — benefits Suicide Prevention Service of

the Central Coast.

On tap for 2000 are special additions to the morning event, which traditionally includes a souvenir T-shirt and a race day brunch where runners and walkers can refuel after they've tackled the course.

This year, the brunch will be expanded and improved, the T-shirt has a special year 2000 design and the prizes — which are raffled off so you don't have to be the fastest to win — include airline tickets for two and

\$2,000 in cash, among other items.

"We are retaining parts of the run that make it so special, but we added some more bells and whistles," said the race's organizer and founder, restaurateur Tony Tollner.

Tollner said he hopes to donate \$25,000 to Suicide Prevention on behalf of the race, and will be able to do so if 1,400 people register for either the three-mile walk/run or the 6.8-mile run.

Suicide Prevention is the ideal beneficiary for the run's charitable donation, according to Tollner, because it is such a crucial service and its volunteers are extremely motivated.

"When we took on Suicide Prevention, they turned out to be very much a hands-on group," he said. "They're so motivated to work and the volunteer base is just awesome."

Adding to the success of the event is the Resolution Run's brand new website — www.racegate.com — which has boosted race registration. According to race director Julie Ann Lozano, people living outside California have even signed up.

"People are telling us they found the race online," she said. "Usually runners from out

of state have family here, but now some people have just decided to be in Carmel for the weekend."

So far, about 600 runners have registered, which puts sign-ups well ahead of this time

RIO GRILL'S RESOLUTION Run

last year.

Donations have also increased. "Cash donations are up about \$7,000 already over last year," said Tollner. He hopes to have 2,000 participants take to the courses — which loop through Mission Trails Park and the streets of Carmel before ending in Larson Field — to commemorate the start of a new millennium.

Registration for the run is \$23 until Sunday, Dec. 19. The next day it increases to \$28. Entry forms are available at Tollner's three restaurants — the Rio Grill, Tarry's

Roadhouse and Montrieo — at the Treadmill in the Crossroads and at various local gyms.

Although registration forms must be postmarked by Dec. 19 to receive the lower rate, those signing up later need not be concerned that the race will sell out.

"We have a lot of race-day registration, because people like to wait and see what the weather's like and how they're feeling that morning," she said.

If you choose to register on race day, registration begins at 7 a.m. near the starting line at The Crossroads Shopping Village. Pre-registered participants should get to the site by 8 a.m. to pick up their bib numbers and plethora of goodies. Both races start promptly at 9 a.m.



Assemblyman Peter Frusetta

COWBOY IN THE CAPITOL

by Assemblyman Peter Frusetta

The good news is that Anita and I are grandparents again. Our youngest daughter, now 30, had her first baby, an 8 pound bouncing baby girl, Elizabeth Camille, on November 2. We could hardly wait to make the trip to San Jose to hold the little baby in our arms. There's something about holding a baby for the first time that is inexplicably exciting and divinely inspiring.

It is wonderful to have babies come into homes where they are wanted and loved. It is just as tragic when they are born into this world by accident, to parents who are children themselves and not really ready for parenthood. I am in favor of adoption agencies that fulfill a great need.

It is sad to see the effects on children that are born to single, teenage parents. One has only to walk the streets or wander through the supermarket to witness situations that border on child abuse. The faces and actions of young adults in charge of small children who throw tantrums, knock down shelved items and bother others is tragic testimony to the shortcoming of such relationships.

And it is just as sad to see the all-too-familiar results of broken homes on children. It breaks my heart to hear the profound pain expressed by children of divorce who call in to talk shows with their pitiful, heart-wrenching inquiries.

I was encouraged when I met with a group of Monterey County college students who want to prevent teenage pregnancy in high schools. They inspired me with their concern for one of the most pressing needs in today's society. I will do all in my power to help this civic-minded group when we reconvene in January.

I am heartened by the many well-qualified people getting into political races. We profit when people participate in the democratic process. That's why term limits are good. They give others the chance to take part in government; after all— the people own the government—not the politicians. People feel so detached from their representatives. I hope this new interest will spark a revolution—one where the people take the reins of the government back into their own hands.

Session will be interesting next year. We will revisit issues like allowing teachers to have only two years of college raining, recognition of same-sex marriages in public schools, parole violation issues that increase punishments and worker overtime pay for more than eight hours in a day. As usual, I will devote considerable energy to reducing big government's tax vice grip on working families.

The State Controller's office is busy answering calls these days. A newspaper has been running the Controller's telephone number explaining that many Californians have money coming to them from forgotten back accounts, etc. The number is toll-free (1-800-992-4647). I called, filled out the forms and they sent me \$200 (Santa Claus came early). Call me at home (831) 628-3559 if I can help you in this regard.

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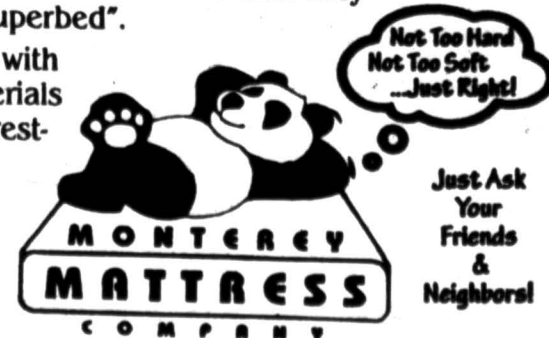
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Injured Garland Ranch horseback rider sues park district

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ALTHOUGH HE is suing the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for injuries he sustained when he was thrown from his horse, Jerry Bell said he's not out to take the park district for all its worth.

"I'm not trying to break anyone — I'm just trying to recover my expenses," Bell said. "I support the parks, but they have to be liable as well."

According to Bell, he was riding a 10-year-old mare named Sugar — who belongs to his girlfriend and riding partner — in Garland Park on July 7. As they passed the Visitor's Center near the entrance to the park, a loose dog belonging to a park ranger jumped up on the stone wall that skirts the building, spooking Sugar.

"The dog jumped up on the retaining wall and was eyeball to eyeball with my horse," he recounted.

According to the lawsuit, filed last month in Monterey County Superior Court, the dog lunged "aggressively and

offensively" towards Bell. The horse bolted, causing Bell to lose his balance and fall.

"I ended up with six fractured ribs, a fractured hip and a fractured shoulder," he said. Bell's riding partner was unable to dismount her frightened horse and help him, but the ranger rushed out to see if Bell needed help.

"It was just a freak thing. I saw this dog, and by his posture, I knew he was going to make a move toward us," Bell said. "I turned towards my friend to warn her, and as soon as I turned, the dog jumped."

Bell is suing the park because its leash law, which requires dogs to be "on a leash not over seven feet long, or under immediate voice command of a person, or confined to a vehicle," was not being enforced by the ranger who owned the "pitbull-faced" dog, he said.

Bell, who has been riding horses his entire life, said other riders have echoed

his concern about loose dogs in the park.

"I've talked to a lot of horse people and there are always

problems with dogs," he said. "Someone's going to get killed."

Anne McGowan, attorney for the park district, said the matter has been submitted to the insurance company's defense counsel.

Bell originally filed a claim for damages in excess of \$10,000, which was rejected by the park district. McGowan said large claims are routinely rejected — regardless of merit — so that legal action can be handled by the insurance company.

"He submitted a claim, which we usually deny," she explained. "He has to submit something like that before he can file a lawsuit. Denial doesn't mean we think it's good or bad."

But McGowan speculated about Bell's motives.

"I guess everyone thinks if you're a public agency, you have deep pockets," she said. "We have specialists in public agency defense who will handle it."

But Bell insisted he simply wants compensation for his \$8,000 out-of-pocket medical expenses, the \$20,000 in lost wages for the four months he was unable to work his full-time job as a shoe salesman at Lloyd's in Carmel, and the "incredible amount of pain" he suffered from his injuries.

"I'm not some sue-happy individual," he said.

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— Jerry Bell

HEARD

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there," she said. "There was a group of about 10. He almost ran them over."

Heard, 27, eventually brought the car to a stop near the rear of the school and took off running, according to Garcia. She was immediately arrested for public intoxication, and later paid a fine after pleading guilty.

Heard was arrested the next day at his mother's Carmel Valley home.

Pacific Grove Police Detective Glenn McGovern also took the stand and described the basis for the three counts of assault with a deadly weapon: Two Carmel High School faculty members and a faculty wife were standing in the parking lot, waiting for students to return from the annual Shoe football game between C.H.S. and P.G. High.

"They heard sirens, and watched the car enter the parking lot at a high rate of speed," McGovern told the court. "As the car took

the curve, they had to jump out of the way of the vehicle. It was the assistant coach's opinion that all three of them would have been hit by the car."

Superior Court Judge Terrance Duncan ordered Heard be held to answer on all charges, which includes four felony charges — three counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of evading a police officer — and misdemeanor charges including driving under the influence, resisting arrest and driving on a suspended license.

He will be arraigned in Superior Court Dec. 22.

Heard is currently serving time on a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest, to which he pleaded guilty last month, Deputy District Attorney David Alkire said.

Charges may also be pending against Heard in Oregon, where he had been living before his reappearance on the Peninsula.

Alkire said, "I believe Oregon wants him, but we will finish with him here first."

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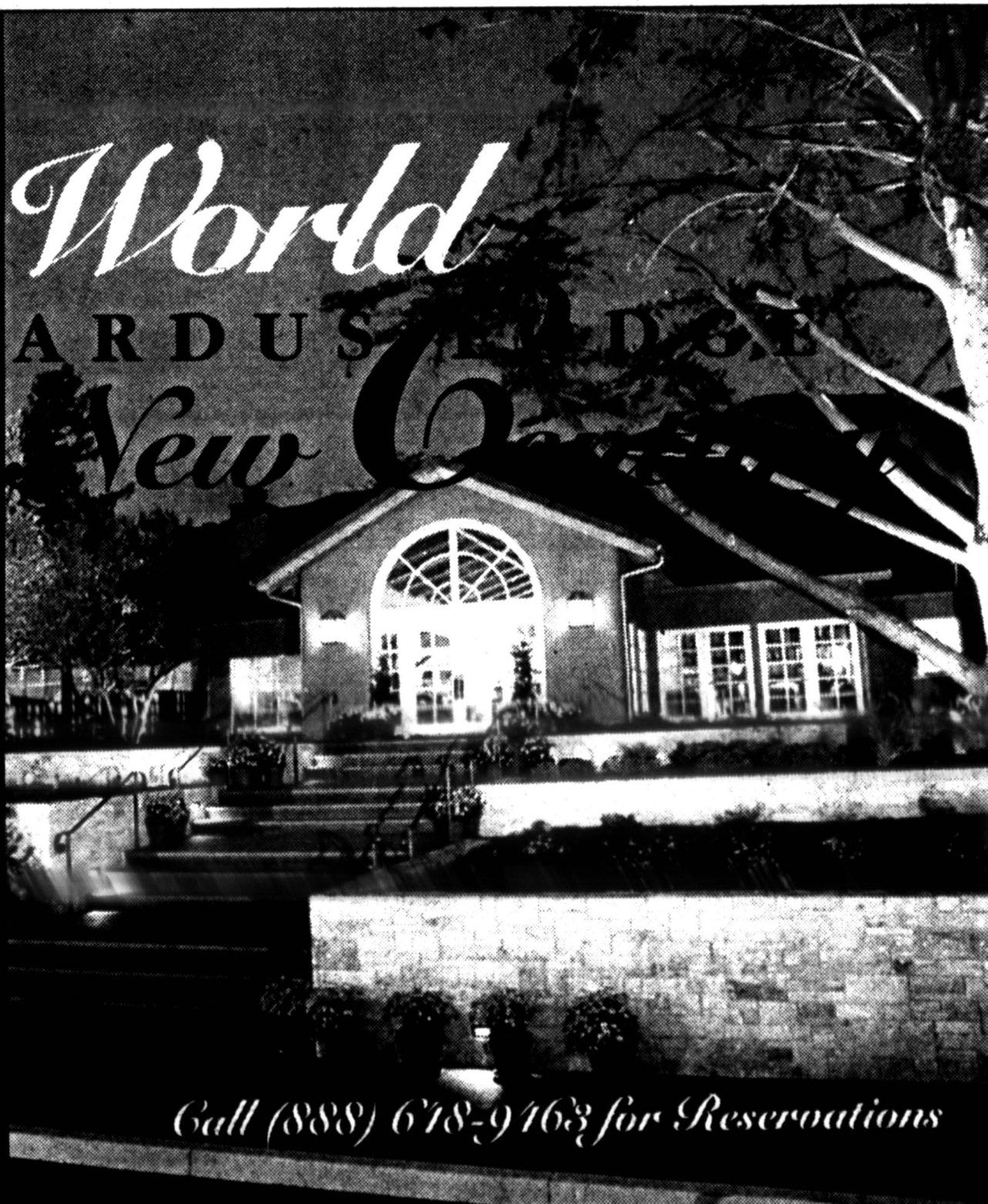
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considered historic.

"If you look at the analogy of people: They don't look the same over time, but people still recognize them as who they are," he said.

But the commission agreed with attorney Brian Finegan's opinion that the houses had changed too much to be considered historic.

"These buildings, I think we would agree unanimously, are cute, quaint and fanciful, but that does not translate into historically significant," he told the commission. "The work was almost exclusively done by Beatrice Saso after she bought them in 1963."

In a sworn declaration, Saso stated she had added the porches and the garage, tiled the roofs, moved the entrances and the windows, painted the houses white, built the wall surrounding the cottages, paved the driveway, sheetrocked the interior, tiled the floors and added a basement during the 35 years she and her husband owned the cottages.

Saso sold the Scenic Road property to her daughter Mary Lou Shellooe and her husband Bill when she could no longer live in them unassisted. The Shellooes applied to tear them down and build a new Mediterranean-style home in their place.

The house design will be reviewed by the planning com-

mission at a meeting in January or February, when the findings for demolition will also be finalized.

Commissioner Robin Wilson made the motion to deem the cottages not historic, explaining that "there is little visible that is historic about them." The commission unanimously agreed.

Commissioner Pope Coleman said Saso should take the debate over preserving the structures versus demolishing them as a compliment.

"If you had not done such a lovely job remodeling the cottages that have become so dear to the hearts of so many people, we probably wouldn't be here discussing this today," he said.

And to designer Alan Turpen, he added, "This lady has set some pretty high standards for you to come up with a building that signifies the modesty and simplicity of these cottages. So I hope the new building will become as dear as what will have to come down."

No one at the public hearing opposed the demolition; two neighbors favored replacing them with a new home.

Hitchcock House

Although the Hitchcock House dates back to the early 1900s and was built in the style of notable Carmel builder M.J. Murphy, Commissioner Allan Paterson agreed with the study by Jones & Stokes that said the home was not historic.

That initial study had been contested by an historian and the city's Historic Preservation Committee, so the applicant, architectural designer John Mandurrage, agreed to have an EIR prepared.

"It is a craftsman-style building, but if you look at the details, it is not a good example," Paterson said.

The house was designed by Murphy but actually built by Joseph Hitchcock, according to Paterson. "It looks like it was not built by a master builder. It was not a good example the day after it was completed, let alone today."

Enid Sales of the Carmel Preservation Foundation told the commission there was ample evidence to the contrary, pointing to the style of the home and the importance of the Hitchcock family to Carmel.

"This is the last representation of that early stage in Carmel — the city was just beginning to be developed at that time," she said. "I don't know how much more history you think you would need to show its importance."

But the commission decided the members of the Hitchcock family who were historically important to Carmel never even lived in it. Relatives of historic figures are not in themselves historically important, it decided.

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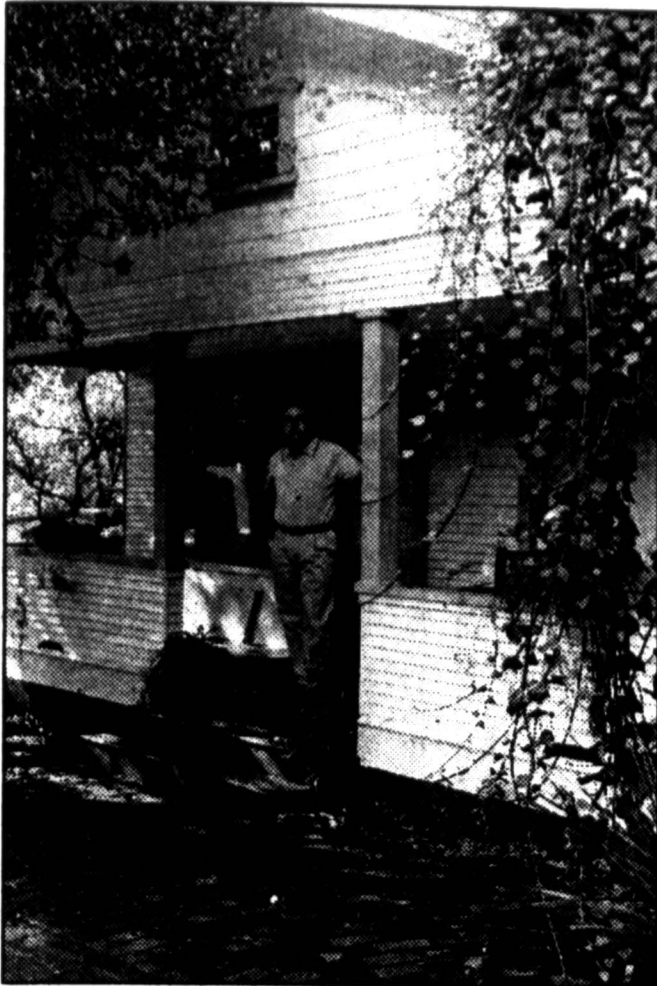


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Designer John Mandurrigo argued that although it's old, the Hitchcock House is not a prime example of early Carmel architecture and should be demolished to make way for senior housing.

care facility for seniors at the Mission and Seventh location, said he has been working on the project for five years.

"I think you're here because you have an interest in the community and in serving the community," he said. "And in my opinion, it seems that this new facility would benefit the majority of the community a lot more than trying to keep this building intact."

The commission sided with Mandurrigo, voting to allow the demolition. The specific design of the new buildings will be heard by planning commissioners at a meeting early next year.

Speaking to both Mandurrigo and the Shellooes, Wilson apologized for the inconvenience and expense they were subjected to by the planning process. He decried the waste of staff time and energy on a process that "lacks discrimination" when it comes to determining which buildings are historic

and which are not.

"I feel sympathetic toward applicants that the system has cost an extreme amount of time and money," he said at the end of the hearing.

HIT & RUN

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damage — or in which someone is injured — also must be reported to police within 24 hours.

Meroney was driving through town with the city's new code enforcement officer when the alert went out to look for the driver of a red Nissan Sentra involved in an accident at Dolores and Ninth.

"Tim Meroney happened to be in the field in his pickup, saw a car at Carpenter and Second that matched the description, and followed it," Rana said.

Meroney followed the driver in his truck but did not turn on his flashing lights until the car came to a stop and a woman got out on the passenger side. "Tim made contact with the guy and he readily admitted he had been in an accident and hit a Volvo," Rana said.

The city truck Meroney drives is equipped with lights, siren and police equipment. As a reserve officer, he is on call 24-hours-a-day but only responds to calls where his assistance might be needed.

"I don't deal with calls about blocked driveways, or anything like that," he said.

When he caught up with the driver, Meroney said he told Sanchez he had made a poor decision when he decided to run.

Rana credited Meroney with the arrest, since police did not know Sanchez' identity when he fled the scene. Borina Dramov, the driver of the Volvo, did not have time to get a license plate number of the Nissan, according to Rana.

Police suspected that since Sanchez had fled south on Lincoln, he was headed towards the Mission. In fact, he was found by Meroney on the other side of town.

"If not for Tim, we never would have solved this," Rana said. "And he just happened to be out doing his normal rounds."

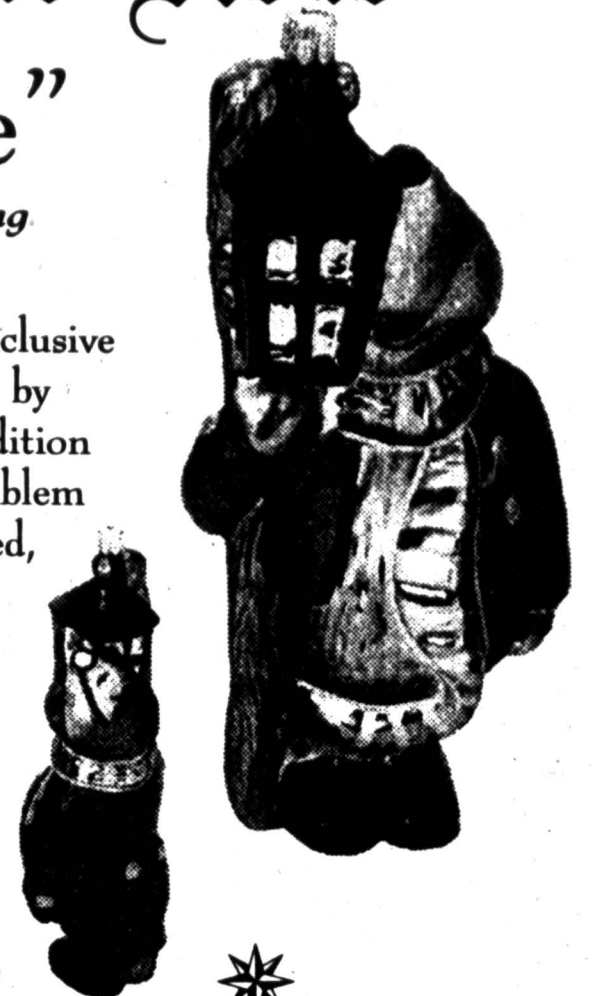
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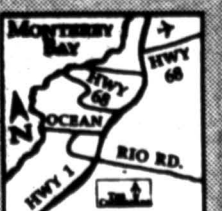
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Editorial

Council wasn't fooled by disinformation campaign

LAST WEEK'S 3 - 2 vote to let a private owner take over stewardship of Flanders Mansion was an impressive triumph of common sense that was achieved despite a concerted effort — which continues even now — to mislead the public about what is at stake in the hills on the east side of town.

Proponents of turning the aging estate into a venue for public and semi-public events had to know their case was weak. They also couldn't have been very comfortable with the logic of imposing such a facility on a quiet, residential neighborhood.

Many of them, after all, are the same people for whom the city's guiding principle — protection of residential neighborhoods — is paramount.

So they depicted their battle as having just a little bit to do with whether a large home on a narrow street should be public or private, and everything to do with the preservation of Carmel's precious open space and park lands.

Nearly a dozen letters to the editor were received at this paper which argued passionately that Carmel should not "sell off its open space" just because of a "temporary budget shortfall."

A letter printed in another paper accused Hatton Road residents of "whining" about disruption of their neighborhood and of presumptuously telling the city what to do with its "park land."

Still more letters said that "open space" shouldn't be sold because it's so difficult to acquire.

These overblown, specious arguments failed to sway the public or the council majority who, fortunately, recognized them for what they were.

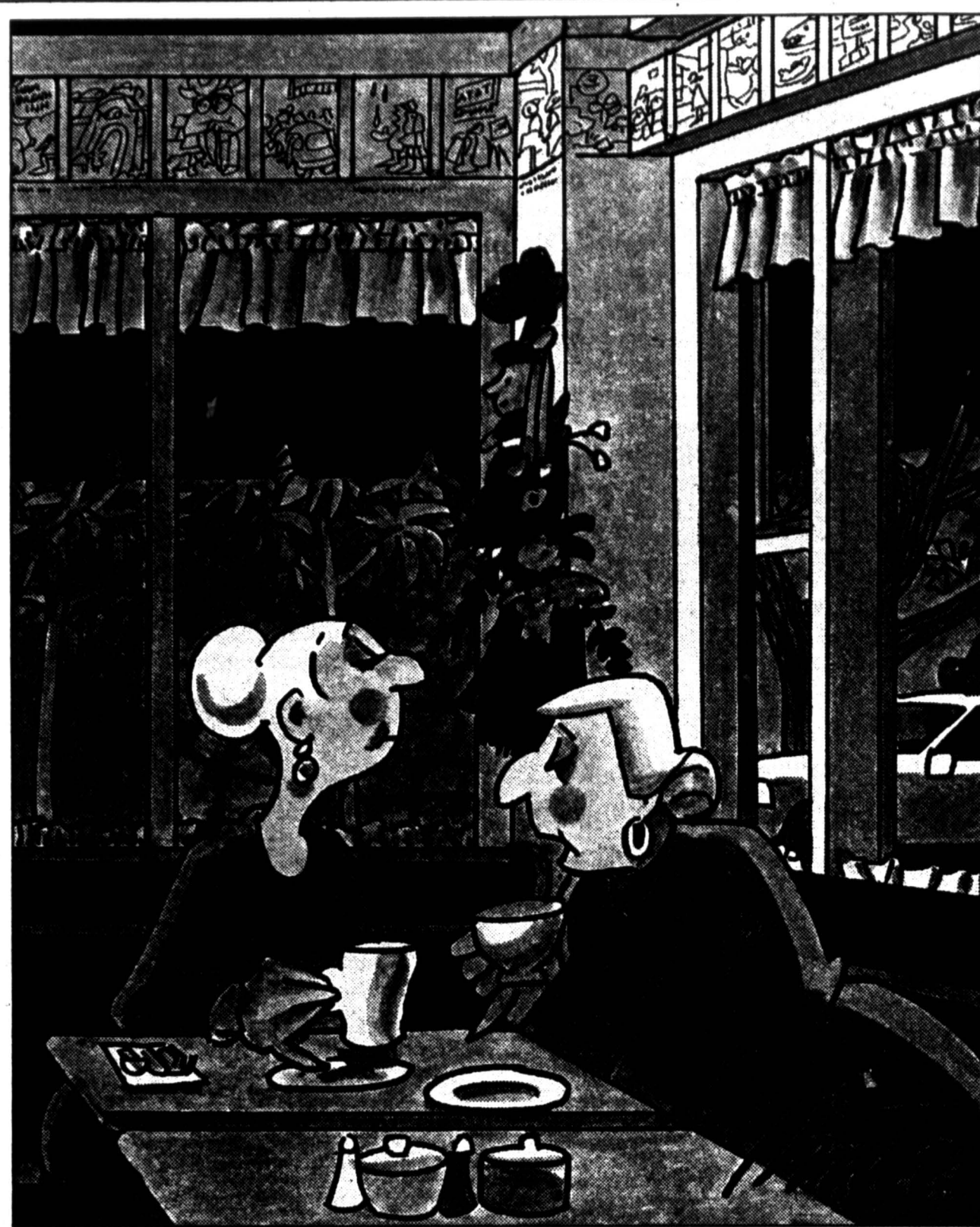
Nobody wants parks and open space sold. It was clear from the very beginning that the proposal to sell or lease Flanders Mansion included the house and only the normal amount of yard space that would go with a single-family residence, and that approximately 10 acres of the 11.5 surrounding Flanders Mansion would remain part of Mission Trails Park.

Details about lot lines, easements and so forth still have to be worked out. But the council's action ensures that Mission Trails Park will be protected and fulfills the city's purpose when it acquired the estate in 1972 — to get the surrounding park land, not the house.

Even if the city had unlimited funds, use of Flanders Mansion for public events still wouldn't be a good idea.

With the fire station, Forest Theater, the Scout House and Sunset Center all badly needing tax dollars for renovation, hanging onto the money pit called Flanders Mansion just makes no sense at all.

BATES



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Lesson of the historic home

Dear Editor:

I grew up in Carmel and read the online version of the Carmel Pine Cone every week. I've been following the Flanders controversy and I was very pleased to read that the city has voted to sell the house to a private individual. I know from first-hand experience that anything short of this would've been an unnecessary burden on the neighbors who live nearby.

I live in a lovely neighborhood graced with a foundation-run historic home.

Several years ago the city wisely cut off the foundation's ability to hold any revenue-generating activities after years of complaints by neighbors.

Currently we have an eyesore, but better a pile of rubble than weddings, traffic, noise and the occasional drunk guest using our driveway as a bathroom. Someday we hope the foundation will give up the fight and sell the home to an individual who can afford to renovate the property.

Bravo for the Flanders mansion. Quality of life for the neighborhood should be paramount.

D. K. Masi
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Flanders sale: 'What nonsense'

Dear Editor:

Because of years of poor decisions, fiscal blundering and fence-sitting we are now told that the only solution to Carmel's fiscal woes is the sale of park land to defray maintenance costs.

What nonsense.

Every municipal problem that White and Hazdovac must face is one they have creat-

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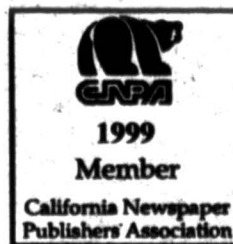
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ed. He has been mayor for over a decade. She has held office for almost six years. White, Hazdovac and McCloud seem to want it both ways. They ask for support for their "difficult" decision to sell Carmel park lands. Yet they refuse to be accountable for placing the city in a position where we are so cash poor that we cannot afford to maintain vital community functions without selling our parks.

Perhaps if White and Hazdovac were not providing a welfare program for the Carmel Business Association to the tune of over \$100,000 a year for the past several years, maintenance projects could have been completed and paid for in a timely manner. Who can forget that White and Hazdovac had no problem or concern with raising the hostelry tax a 1/2 percent (without holding the required election by the citizens mandated in California state law) when it suited their agenda?

There are many potential solutions to the fiscal problems of Carmel-by-the-Sea . . . other than the sale of park land. Unfortunately, the current Council majority doesn't appear to have the vision, the imagination, the commitment to our General Plan, or the courage required to make the tough decisions for Carmel-by-the-Sea. Perhaps it is time for our current council majority of White, McCloud and Hazdovac to step down and allow a leadership, more sensitive to the traditional values of Carmel-by-the-Sea, to take us where we need to go.

D.R. Maradei, Carmel

Preserving the land of Flanders

Dear Editor:

For many of us in Carmel, the underlying land of the Flanders Mansion is of much greater value than the house itself. This structure has been seen as an inspiring curiosity (something my daughter once called "that ivy-covered castle"). Although it has taken public monies for maintenance and repairs, it's been of very little use to the public in general. Had the house been consumed by fire or demolished by earthquake in the last couple of decades, it would have been a cultural and historic loss. But we would still have enjoyed the parkland around and under it.

The idea of reconfiguring the underlying property boundaries was one that many of us tried to accomplish during several of the interminable Flanders studies in the 1980s and 1990s. Now that the City Council has voted to sell or lease this house as a residence, it is definitely the time to finally make these changes. There are several vital steps to be taken in the full light of public participation before the city begins to market this property or to entertain any offers:

1. The city needs to determine the minimum desirable garden and parking area for the Flanders Mansion. The residence should be surrounded on all sides by park land. It is true that in most park-lands in this country the trend is to buy out private enclaves for public use. However, we clearly have an exception to the rule; here we need to create an enclave.

At the moment, the official lot lines are just as they were when the city purchased the house for public property. The configuration should be changed so that the area on the east side of the house and its gardens will remain as a natural public connection between the arboretum and the serene meadows south of the house at the west end of Martin Road. This east side area could accommodate a small restroom and greenhouse for visitors and workers in the

arboretum and the preserve in general. Shrubbery such as the existent clipped cypress hedge would screen this area from the house.

On the west and north of the house, the current trailheads from the driveway should remain in public ownership. Care needs to be taken to assure that the lot-line adjustment provides a reasonable area for parking by the property owner and a few guests at the bottom of the driveway.

2. The lot-line adjustment, in surrounding the house with public land, would maintain the public ownership of the driveway and its current uses, with a legal right-of-way for the homeowners. At the lot line they should be allowed to install a suitable fence, with a gate at the bottom of the driveway.

3. Under no circumstances should the Flanders Mansion property be re-

zoned from parkland to residential use until the size and configuration of the lot has received due consideration and action by the City.

4. Once the steps above have been completed, a decision needs to be made as to the sale of this historic house. The

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By Myles Williams

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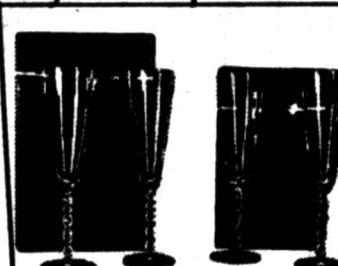


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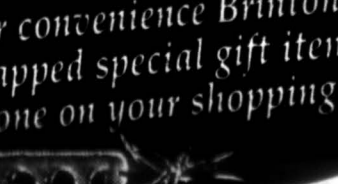
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Jean Grace, Carmel

(The writer was Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea from 1988 to 1992.)

Christmas angels

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However, there is an error regarding the Carmel Valley Angel Project in the story. We do set up a Christmas store to distribute food, toys and clothing to Carmel Valley families that need a little help over the holidays. We do not charge for these goods, as was stated in the story. Carmel Valley Angel Project distributes free to the families! In addition, all of our staff are volunteers and the store location is donated.

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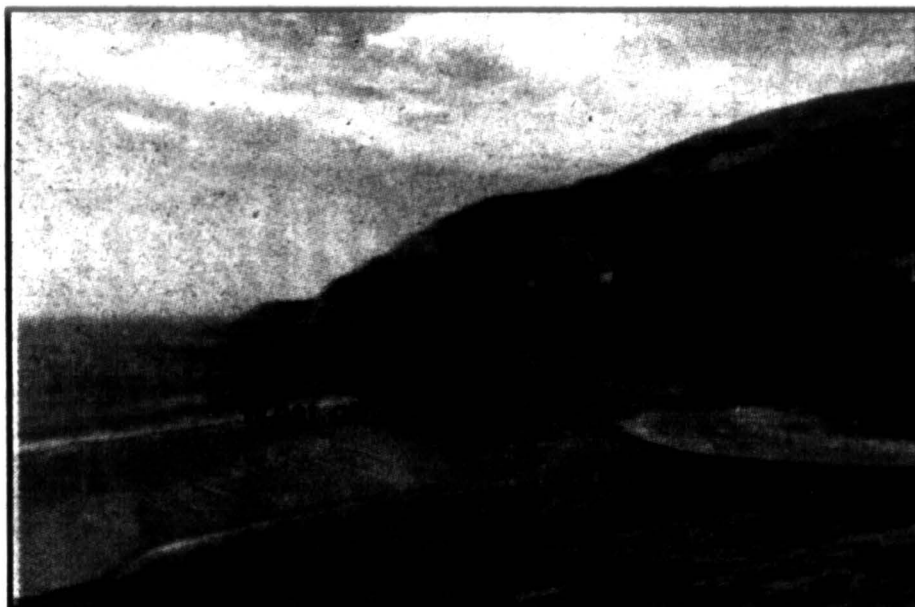


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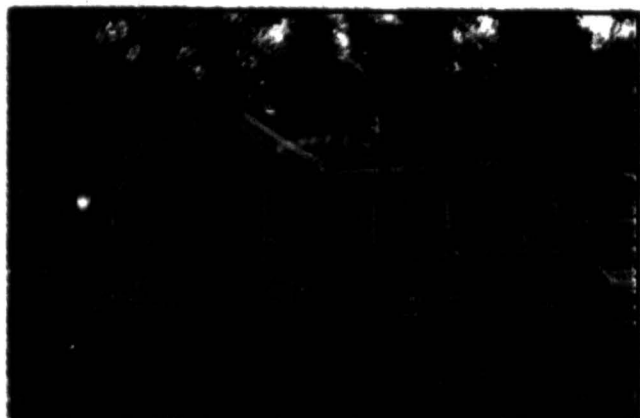
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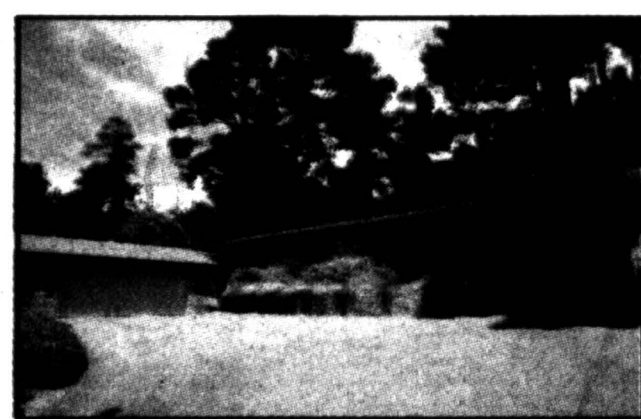
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REAL ESTATE

Wine tasting room OK'd for Carmel Valley Village

By TAMARA GRIPPI

JOULLIAN VINEYARDS won approval from the Monterey County Planning Commission this week to open a wine tasting room just off Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village.

The commission voted unanimously to allow Joullian to open its wine tasting room in a 667-square-foot space in a 3,996-square-foot building at 2 Village Drive that also houses a photography studio and a glass shop.

Joullian Vineyards was appealing an earlier denial by the county's zoning administrator based on doubts about the adequacy of

its septic system.

However, county environmental health staff has been working with the vineyard to rectify any septic problems through the use of ultra-low-flow toilets and other water-saving measures.

"This particular project gives the county microcosm-type access to analyze what can happen if conditions like this — that we suggested — are imposed," said Myron "Doc" Etienne who was representing the winery.

The conditions include: the installation of a waste water meter, ultra low-flow toilets, semi-annual inspections and a limit on waste water flow not to exceed 180 gallons per day.



After tweaking its proposal, Joullian Vineyards' received approval to open its new tasting room on Village Drive. Joullian joins five other vineyards that operate tasting rooms in Carmel Valley.

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The winery predicted that it would actually be able to keep its waste water flow to about half the 180-gallon-per-day limit.

Cars on the road

While the county public works department was originally concerned that the wine tasting room would increase traffic on Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1, a study undertaken by traffic engineer Keith Higgins indicated otherwise.

"It is highly unlikely that Joullian Vineyard would attract vehicular trips from Highway 1 or would add traffic to Carmel Valley," Higgins asserted in his report.

Some who attended the Dec. 15 meeting were dubious.

"The Higgins study stating that there

would be no impacts on Carmel Valley Road or Highway 1, I find to be somewhat remarkable because this project is not proposed for residents of the village," said Richard Rosenthal of Save Our Peninsula.

But others argued that the new wine tasting room isn't likely to make much difference in the traffic along Carmel Valley Road.

"You can go through the village and look at other tasting rooms and you probably won't see more than two or three cars there at one time," said Glen Gurries of Robles Del Rio Lodge.

The Joullian wine tasting room will join six others in the valley including Durney, Bernardus, Georis, Talbott and Chateau Julien.

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REAL ESTATE

County seeks tax dollars for salmon habitat

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MONTEREY COUNTY is jumping in with 12 other California counties in hope of being the recipient of federal and state tax monies to the tune of \$750,000 for salmon and steelhead habitat rehabilitation, much of which would occur on the Carmel River, according to planning director Bill Phillips.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted Dec. 7 to support the county's pursuit of grant money from federal and state bonds. A grant application must be filed by Jan. 7, 2000.

Phillips said the collaborative effort among northern and central California counties with tributaries to the Pacific Ocean will better their chances of getting the funding.

"Several counties have gotten together on the premise that banded together we are likely to be more successful than if we do it ad hoc, county by county," he said. The available funds total \$64 million; each of the counties has agreed to request \$750,000 for salmon and steelhead habitat restoration.

Phillips said the money would be used for both county and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District projects, though spe-

cific plans have not yet been developed.

"They deal with different aspects of the Carmel River — everything from spawning ground rehabilitation to establishing better habitats, to clearing out the channels in some cases and not clearing them out in other cases," he said. "It will increase the chances for returning to higher levels of salmon and steelhead in our streams."

The money would enable the counties to be more sensitive to salmon habitats while doing road work, such as bridges and river crossings, according to Phillips. Typically, financial support has been lacking for such

measures, he said.

"Taxpayers have not been historically supportive of those fringe benefits," he said. "But now we don't consider those things to be fringe."

Phillips said Monterey County is an ideal beneficiary of the federal and state funds.

"Clearly we have degraded the habitat in many of our rivers. Clearly there have been historically declining salmon and steelhead populations," he said.

"We are trying to be aggressive in finding some money to help us change those historic trends."

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was that it would free up staff's time to focus on the historic program itself.

"Certainly being able to focus on the historic preservation ordinance without having to worry about individual projects could expedite it," Berto said.

But a moratorium would impose costly delays on property owners seeking to remodel their older homes.

City officials learned nearly two years ago that Carmel's historic ordinance conflicts with state environmental laws. The playing field changed after a 1997 California appeals court ruled that the City

of Oakland could not tear down an abandoned Montgomery Ward department store without first preparing an EIR to analyze the building's historic importance.

After the city's moratorium was turned down, staff adopted a new protocol to govern how historic, potentially historic and simply old homes — anything built before 1950 — should be handled.

Berto said the planning department has processed at least two dozen applications for alterations to historic homes since April. "We've been encouraging applicants to submit for modifications rather than for demolitions," Berto said.

This week, the planning commission approved the demolition of two old homes known as Sea Urchin and Periwinkle. Please see page 1A story about that decision.

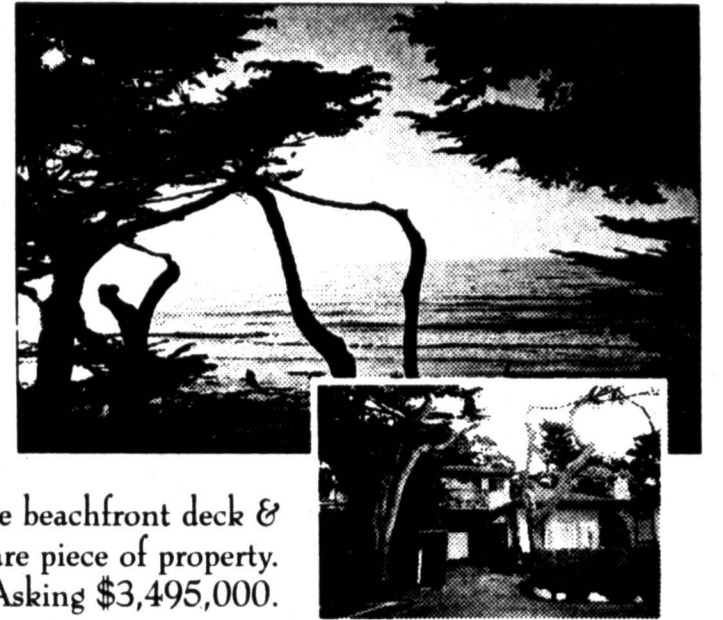
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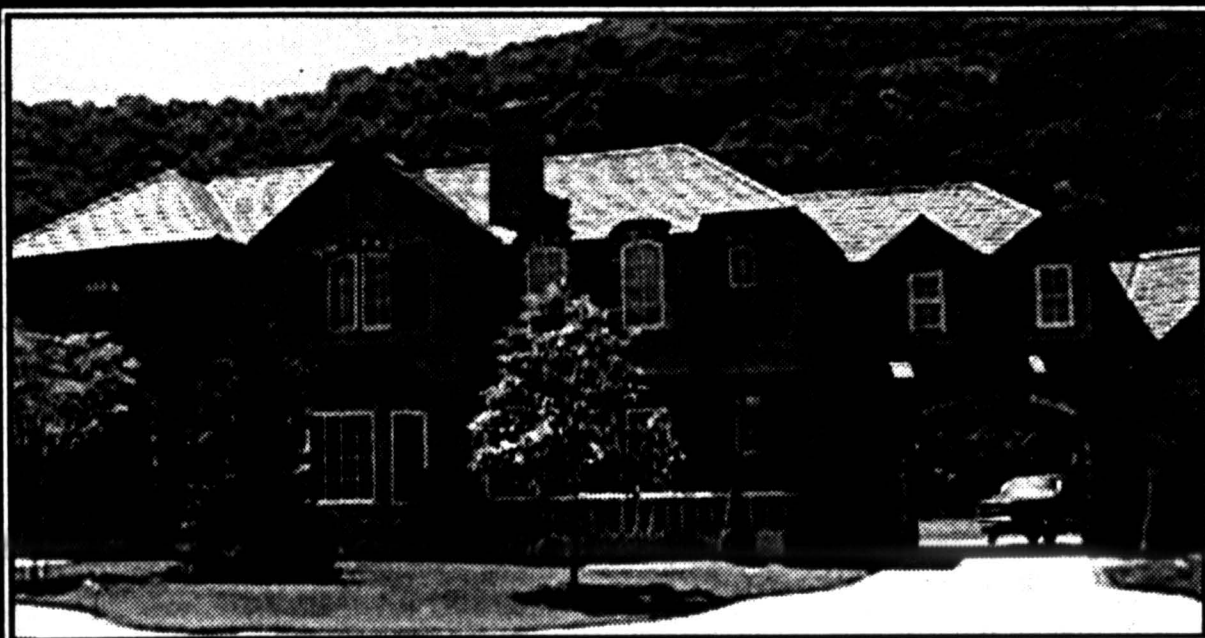
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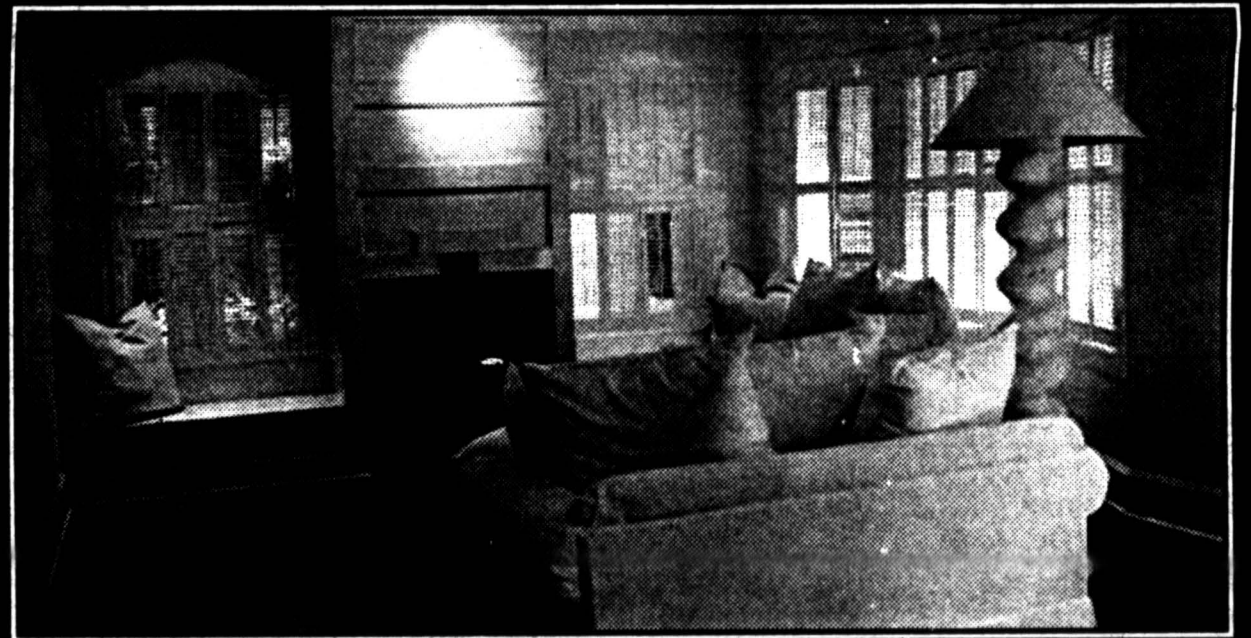
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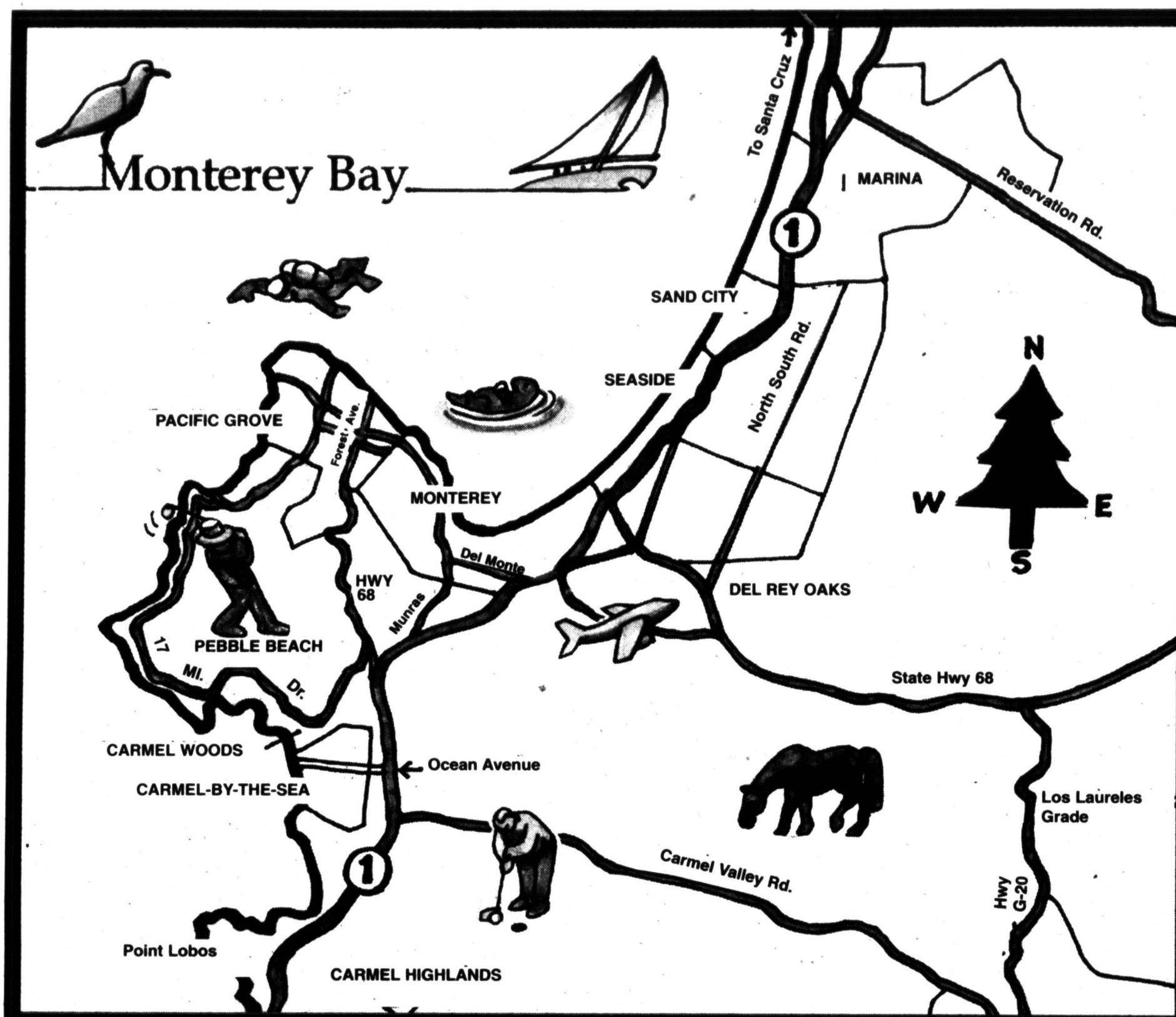
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Salinas

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City pulls signs that annoyed residents

By TAMARA GRIPPI

WHEN THE Carmel city council agreed to install two stop signs on Monte Verde Avenue near Fourth, many of the residents rejoiced in the hope the signs would slow down tourist traffic zipping from downtown Carmel to Pebble Beach.

The residents were less than thrilled to discover that when the stop signs were installed, two other signs pointing the way to both Pebble Beach and the downtown district also appeared.

"Our concern is that these signs will only increase tourist traffic in the neighborhood," said resident Tom McKenna, who had been instrumental in convincing the council to install the stop signs in the first place.

At its Dec. 14 meeting, the Carmel City Council agreed with McKenna and voted to have the signs taken down. The city was as good as its word — within a few hours, there was no trace of the offending signs.

"We don't fool around," said Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem. "When the council tells us to take them down, we do."

While the Monte Verde street neighbors seemed mystified as to why the signs had appeared in the first place, Carmel city staff had a logical explanation.

For many years a sign had been in place directing motorists towards the business district, said Carmel City Administrator Jere Kersnar. Since the stop signs needed to be installed, the city chose that opportunity to replace the old business district sign.

And when a Second Avenue resident asked city staff to also consider a sign directing traffic to Pebble Beach, they thought, why not?

It seems that the Second Avenue resident was tired of telling residents that they couldn't get through to Pebble Beach on her street anymore. She thought a sign on Monte Verde might help clear up the confusion.

But the Monte Verde and Fourth residents had different ideas.

"Carmel is a city of discovery and citizens should want to give advice as part of our responsibility to tourists," McKenna said.

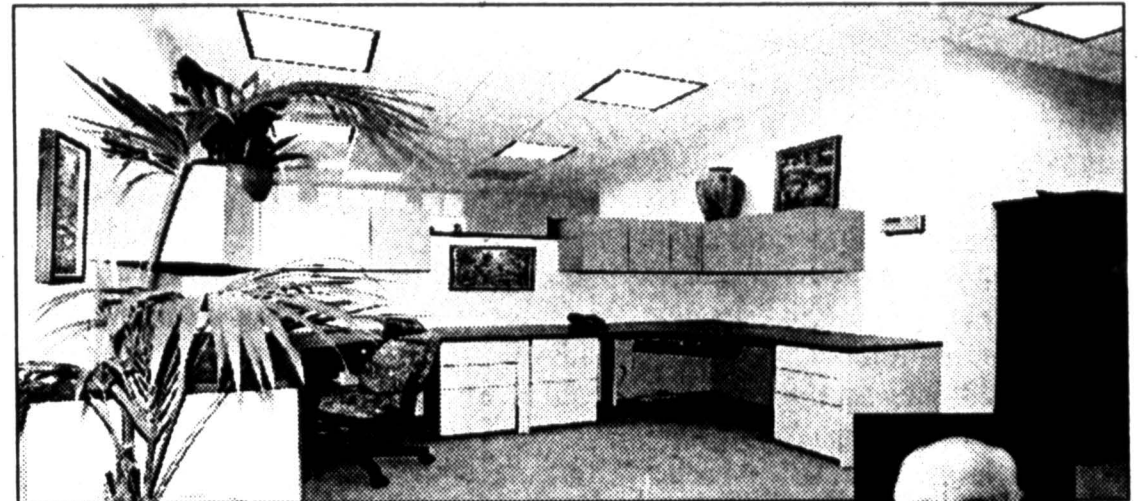


Lost tourists trying to figure out how to get to downtown Carmel or Pebble Beach will have to look elsewhere for directions. Within hours of a council decision that the signs (left) should go, Ron Prieto of Carmel Public Works removed them from the corner of Monte Verde and Fourth.

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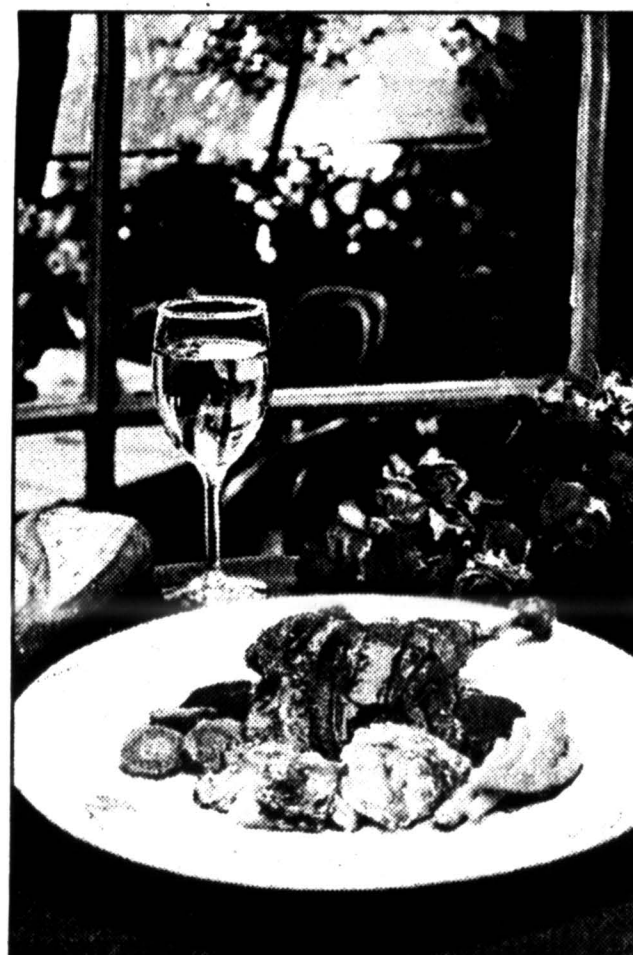
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REAL ESTATE

Trees and wells dominate debate over new Carmel Valley home

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AFTER HASHING out issues of well-drilling rights, impacts of tree removals and the location of water storage tanks, the Monterey County Planning Commission this week unanimously approved a 5,688-square-foot home on Garzas Road in Carmel Valley.

The commission added several conditions to the project that addressed the next-door neighbors' concerns about seven oak trees being removed in order to build the 4,488-square-foot house and 1,200-square-foot garage.

Commissioners agreed that a forester should be on site during the tree removals to wrap existing trees and ensure that digging doesn't interfere with their roots and that willow trees should be planted along the river bank to prevent erosion. The commission also requested the applicant, Fred Christensen, bury his 5,000 gallon water storage tank.

Christensen's neighbor, Kip Hawley, was particularly concerned that the tree removals would have adverse effects on the remaining 23 oaks on the property as well as trees on his land.

"Trees do not know or respect property lines," Hawley

said. "If they're removed, the extensive root system and erosion protection cannot be duplicated for another 100 years."

Christensen's attorney, Tony Lombardo, pointed out that "80 percent of oaks on the property are not being touched."

"There's no evidence to the claim that the removal of any trees on Mr. Christensen's property will damage any trees on Mr. Hawley's property," Lombardo said. "They're not Siamese twins."

Gary Tate wondered how much property someone has to own in order to drill a well. "It was my understanding that in order to drill a well that you needed two and a half acres," Tate said. "This property has one acre. If what the planning commission is saying that lots in Carmel Valley that don't have access to Cal-Am can drill a well, I think that's good news for the people of Carmel Valley."

Jerry LeMoine of the county's environmental health department confirmed that while county law requires subdivisions to be two-and-a-half acres in order for a well to be drilled, that requirement does not apply to existing lots of record.

Owners of existing lots of record can drill wells so long as there's no disposing of waste on the site, the parcel is not

within the sphere of influence of a legally permitted water system and it doesn't intensify water use within the Cal-Am service area.

"There are exceptions to the intensification rule," LeMoine said. "Construction of single family dwellings on existing lots of record is exempt."

"I went over (the application) with a fine tooth comb," LeMoine said. "It meets all the requirements."

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room upstairs, to avoid any more gross incidents.

"It's not the kind of adventure you want to have on a dark, cold night," Anderson said.

Both Lynn and Anderson blame the building's shoddy condition. "The plumbing there has just had it," Lynn said.

Bernard Martino of the city's building services department said he checked the wasteline, flush valves and the pipes. He also disinfected the office.

"We did everything possible to find out what went wrong but we don't know what happened," Martino said.

The city says the plumbing problem has been fixed. But Chamber Music Monterey Bay, which has been headquartered in Carmel for 33 years, is no longer willing to use the stinky office. There is no room elsewhere in Sunset Center, according to Anderson.

"We're just out in the cold at the moment and we are right in the middle of our season — we have one of our biggest concerts in January," she said. "Right now we're just operating out of my own home, and that's marginal."

Anderson said she is desperate to find office space somewhere in town. Since the organization would have had to move out of Sunset Center when extensive renovations begin next year, Anderson said she hopes to find a place to occupy for the next few years. "We have to relocate anyway," she said.

The Sunset Center renovation project is scheduled for completion in 2002.

Lynn said that despite the inconvenience of suddenly being without an office, she is glad to be out of Sunset Center's basement.

In addition to three leaks in the past six months, Lynn said, "We had a bumble bee incident in the summer, when the room filled with a swarm of more than 200 bees, so we're ready to go," she said. "It's a rugged room, and it also has no heat."



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Name Change Petition of LARRY MICHAEL SMITH, petitioner.
Case No. M46646.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
Date: December 17, 1999

Dept: To Be Assigned
Judge: To Be Assigned
WHEREAS, Larry Michael Smith, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing Petitioner's name from Larry Michael Smith to Michael Joseph Smith;
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Civil Law and Motion Department of this court (exact department to be assigned), located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California, on December 17, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper

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Case No. MP-14753
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(s) Donald G. Freeman
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a white sports car driving on the curb on Junipero. Unable to locate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported three of her ex-friends were following her in a red Toyota Celica, threatening to beat her up. She did not want contact made, but wanted the incident documented. Area check for the Celica was negative.

Carmel area: Medical emergency reported at a Rio Road construction site.

Carmel Valley: Unknown person(s) vandalized the playground at the Sunshine Children's Center.

Carmel area: Man reported someone attempted to take two extension ladders from outside his Carmel Rancho Blvd. business on 12/4/99.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a woman pulling a wagon in traffic on Rio Road. Area checked, unable to locate.

Carmel area: Highlands resident reported his ex-wife called from Maryland and threatened him. He did not wish prosecution, only documentation.

Carmel Valley: Anonymous caller reported a noise complaint on Los Robles. An area check was made and a well-drilling company was contacted and advised of the complaint. Employee said the job was almost completed and would be shut down as soon as possible.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security reported threats made to an employee at the Inn at Spanish Bay.

Carmel area: Observed a car in the Barnyard parking lot with registration expired more than six months. The vehicle was towed and stored by Monterey Garage.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman having parenting problems with her daughter requested information regarding juvenile law and family support.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found on Lincoln at 12th with registration expired since 9/98. Towed and

stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a Junipero resident standing on his porch stating, "Help me, save me, I have a skunk." Contacted the resident, who had no problems with animals.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a battery on the sidewalk near a San Carlos gas station. Incident was a second confrontation between two women involved in a similar altercation 12/7/99. No arrests made.

Carmel area: Cabrillo resident reported an argu-

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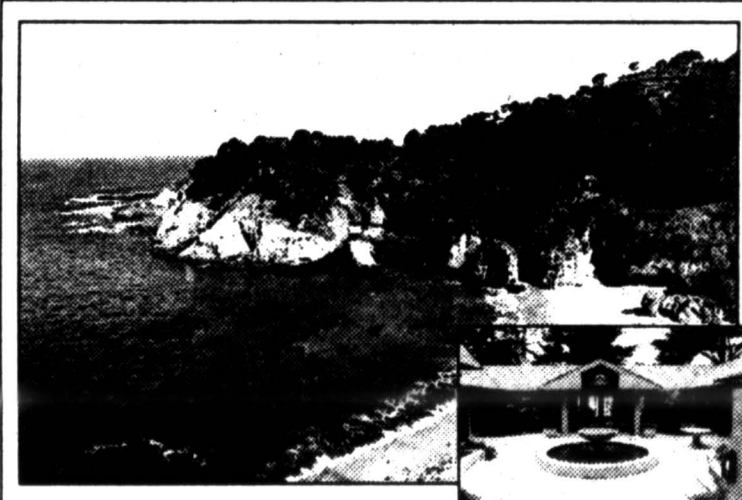
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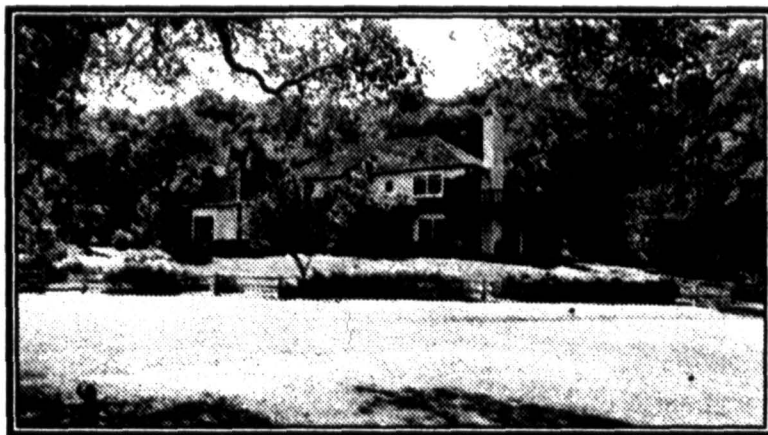
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ment with his wife. Both were counseled.

Big Sur: Woman reported that her purse was stolen out of her friend's unlocked van while it was parked on Highway 1 just north of Soberanes Point while they went hiking. Her friend's bike helmet and goggles were also taken.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made by two individuals who are anticipating the release of a person from prison and are concerned about their safety. Close patrol requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a non-injury hit and run accident at Dolores and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bartender reported someone was knocking on the window while money was being counted. Person unseen by bartender. Unable to locate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Santa Fe resident reported he heard a crash when he entered the house. Officer located a crawl space door that had fallen open from a change in air pressure.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious person in a San Carlos leather store. He asked several strange questions and then left.

Carmel Valley: Cañada Way resident reported someone locked her dogs in with her rabbits in the same pen. The dogs ate the rabbits.

Carmel Valley: Bartender reported a man yelled at

her several times after she refused to serve him a drink at the bar.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident reported being struck by a white-over-red Ford pickup. The person was not hurt and refused medical attention.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported someone entered her locked car in the Lodge parking lot without force and removed an Elvis cassette. When asked to check her car again to look for the cassette, she found it in the cassette deck but assured the deputy that it had not been there before. Nothing further.

Carmel Valley: Discovered a vehicle with registration expired more than six months at the Village Market Shopping Center. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel Valley: Camp Stefani resident taken to CHOMP and placed on a 72-hour hold after she overdosed on medication and alcohol.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Carmel Valley: Lodge reported that a female guest had too much to drink and was being transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man at Mission and Sixth called 911, requesting an officer. Upon arrival it was

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a person refusing to leave the Carmel mission. He said he was homeless and wanted money to get back to San Antonio, Texas. He was given some food at the Mission and a courtesy transport to a local bus stop so he could use his transfer to get to Seaside. He was given assistance information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported she could not locate her vehicle. She said she walked to the market and then returned home to find her garage shut and her vehicle missing. A check of the business area turned up the missing vehicle at San Carlos and Seventh.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline Road resident reported finding an abandoned bicycle and bicycle trailer on his property, possibly from a transient living in the area.

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Carmel area: Albertson's employee suspected a female shopper of theft. The theft did not occur.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported \$700 in cash stolen from her residence, possibly by a house guest.

Pebble Beach: Seventeen Mile Drive resident reported having a verbal argument with her ex-husband concerning their divorce. The man agreed to leave the residence for the evening.

Carmel area: Dolores Street resident reported vandalism to her vehicle. The driver's window was broken out. Estimated damage at \$400. No suspects.

Carmel Valley: Person reported several people being loud at the Saddle Mountain campgrounds. Contact made with the people and they were told to be quiet. They agreed to quiet down.

Carmel Valley: Man requested a civil standby while

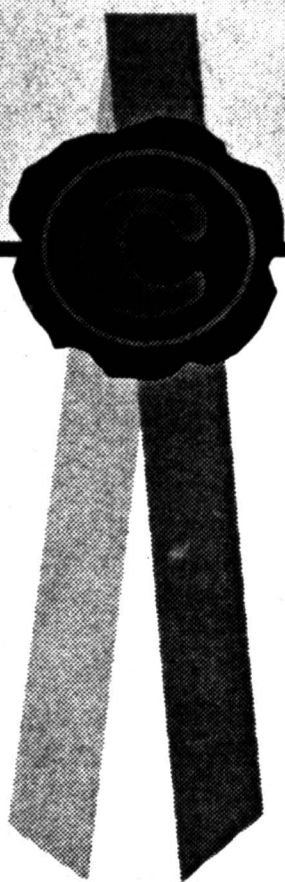
he retrieved his personal property from a residence on Paso Hondo. He retrieved his property without incident and left the area.

Carmel Valley: Schulte Road residents were involved in a dispute. As they were separated, one man came at another and was pushed.

Carmel area: Carmel Knolls resident reported having a dispute with her neighbor over the pruning of her tree.

Pebble Beach: Costado Drive resident reported being hit in the face and having the front window of his house broken by his ex-girlfriend. No prosecution desired.

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NEAR SURF AND SAND! Fantastic location in Carmel Meadows within an easy walk to the beach and oceanside. Light and airy with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, an ocean view from the dining room, very nice hardwood floors and floor plan. Private rear yard with lawn, rose gardens and brick patio. Property to be sold in "as is" condition. \$739,500.

CARMEL'S SECRET GARDEN! Within a privately walled bit of Carmel lies a peaceful oasis dubbed the "Secret Garden". Beautiful & lush, the garden fronts the 4-bedroom, 2-bath 1860 sq. ft. ocean-view home. Enlarged in 1986, it boasts a bright & open-beamed living room, spacious dining room & open kitchen. Ocean-view master suite with stone fireplace & large ocean-view deck. Roomy garden studio/office. Short stroll to downtown Carmel \$749,000.



COTTAGE IN THE WOODS! Snuggled in a garden with Carmel-stone walks and patios this lovingly cared for landmark English cottage has all the era's treasures (and not too many of the quirks)! All the right rooms in all the right places -- three bedrooms, two baths and a most appealing dining room, surrounded by windows and an original built-in hutch. Its sun-dappled garden vistas will amuse, the quiet location will delight. \$875,000.

SEA RANCH ECHOS! Just listed. Beautiful contemporary in a lovely, serene and private setting on almost 1/2 acre with inner courtyard and pool. Offering fantastic Point Lobos and ocean views, 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, family room with a tile fireplace and a step-down living room with a wonderful stone fireplace. Master suite with a cozy den. There is a separate office/exercise room over the garage. \$975,000.

PARK PLACE! A gracious 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence with all the charm of Carmel yet roomy and brand new. Designed and constructed by Don McBride, it incorporates vaulted ceilings, hardwood & tile floors, colonial moulding, river-rock fireplace, custom cabinetry, windows & doors and a deluxe kitchen. Designer details include utility room with Dutch door to a patio, two balconies and three sets of French doors. \$1,395,000.



A RARE FIND! What would be nicer than owning a classic Carmel-style 3-bedroom, 3-bath home only a short walk to Carmel Beach and town? Well-maintained with about 2000 sq. ft. of living area with some ocean views and even a peek of Pebble Beach 10th fairway! Plus a great deck for entertaining. A well-priced home in today's market! \$1,595,000.

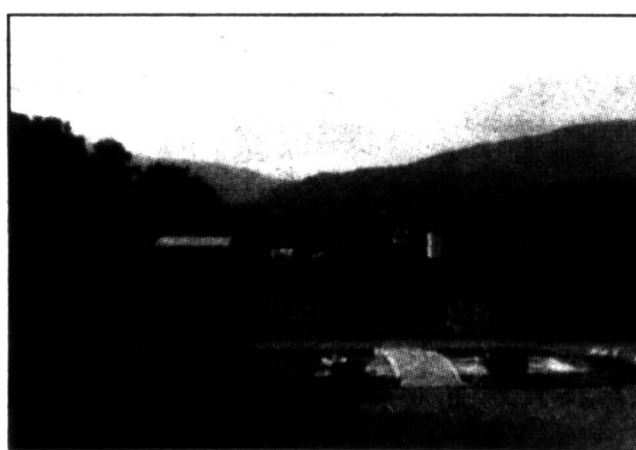
CARMEL VALLEY

NEW ON MARKET! In an absolutely fantastic Mid-Valley location on over 1.25 acres of a sunny, level, park-like lot near the river. Very nice, well-designed over 2000 sq. ft. family home with a great floor plan. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a cozy brick fireplace in the living room. Enjoy the quiet country lifestyle with the convenience of being a short drive to all Peninsula activities. \$569,000.



"LA RANCHERIA" This immaculate ten-year-old 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home is set on over one acre amongst stately oaks in one of the Valley's most prestigious areas. Spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, view decks, marble fireplace in the "great room," and fireplace & Jacuzzi tub with garden-solarium window in the Master suite. The convenient, sunny location of this spectacular home provides peace, privacy and seclusion. \$845,000.

WATER VIEWS! Well sited 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home on 2-1/2 acres capturing ocean, mountain & valley views. Den, living room with fireplace, family/dining combo, ample view deck & two large partially finished rooms. Circular drive. \$585,000.



"SUNLIT HILLS" ESTATE! A sheltering terrain creates privacy for this special 12-acre property nestled between the Santa Lucia Mountains and bordering the Carmel River. Across from Bernardus Lodge, just 20 minutes to Carmel. Extensive use of woods, mosaic, glass & travertine marble characterize the formal ambience of this 4-bedroom, 4-bath residence. Pool, plus

cabana, with 3 dressing rooms, which doubles as a guest house. \$3,300,000.

OFF HIGHWAY 68



BAY & CITY LIGHTS! Dramatically sited in Bay Ridge, high on 1.54 acres of park-like grounds is this Mediterranean estate with French-style flavor. Grand galleria reception hall opens to a spectacular atrium courtyard with kitchen, pool, spa and fireplace. It offers a non-traditional floor plan, and 4 bedrooms & 2-1/2 baths. Gorgeous bay, ocean, valley & city-light views. \$995,000.

FABULOUS VIEWS! Enjoy breathtaking bay, valley and golf course views from this Mediterranean home on the hill. Excellent floor plan includes light and bright living - dining - family room. Quality construction with generous use of granite countertops and marble. A 4-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home on over six acres with pool and spa. \$1,075,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

CHARMING & QUAIN! Enjoy this cute and cozy cottage in the heart of town! Offering 3-bedrooms, 1-bath and a spacious living room with a free-standing, wood-burning fireplace. On a wonderful useable parcel with a built-in brick barbecue in the backyard. This is truly a unique one-of-a-kind investment opportunity. \$319,000.



NEAR BEACH & TOWN! Come home to this light and bright 3-bedroom, 1-1/2-bath charmer offering a low maintenance life-style. The kitchen has been recently updated, there is a spacious master bedroom and outside the spa is on a private patio. This corner lot is in a nice neighborhood where you are a few minutes from the beach or shopping. Buyer to cooperate in a 1031 tax deferred exchange. \$419,000.

WELCOME HOME! This spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bath home is centrally located. Situated on a corner lot with a peek-of-the-bay from the formal dining room and living room. There is a large family room with a wood-burning stove plus a wet bar for easy entertaining. \$539,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

JUST LISTED! Overlooking MPCC's 17th green, a spacious, well-designed single-level open floor plan residence within golf cart distance to the clubhouse. A cozy breakfast nook, plus a of room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a large inviting living room with fireplace welcome you to this most desirable home. Wine cellar, landscaping, and patios complete this Country Club retreat. Custom furnishings are included. \$775,000.

JUST LISTED! This elegant French country estate residence was designed and built by Tescher/LeVett on 1.69 acres in the heart of the estate area. It features the finest in materials & workmanship, dramatic two-story foyer, soaring ceilings, country kitchen opening to a large family room, 5-bedrooms & 4 -1/2-baths, including separate guest quarters. With quality, privacy and location, this property has it all. \$3,500,000.



CYPRESS POINT MEDITERRANEAN! This beautifully and lovingly remodeled estate home is located on a private, gated two-acre parcel on the 4th fairway of Cypress Point Golf Club and minutes from The Lodge. This stunning 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath Mediterranean was completed with the finest attention to detail and design. \$2,395,000.

NEW ON MARKET! Overlooking stunning views of Stillwater Cove, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Carmel Beach and the Santa Lucia Mountains, a magnificent new residence under construction by Tescher-LeVett. This Tuscan Villa is well sited on about an acre prestigiously located within walking distance to The Lodge. Features include 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, five fireplaces, wrap-around decks and patios. A unique opportunity for gracious living and entertaining. \$4,300,000.

LOCATION, LOCATION -- VIEW, VIEW, VIEW! Bonifacio Road when location means absolutely everything. The view is magnificent, the 1.7-acre parcel extends from Bonifacio to Riata Road. The ranch-style house is showing its age and the lower level is only partially completed. This is a beyond profound opportunity to own a piece of prime Pebble Beach and create the home of your dreams. To be sold "as is." \$2,100,000.

PERFECT OCEAN-VIEW ESTATE! This turn-key estate on about an acre offers approximately 6000 sq. ft. of understated details and fabulous ocean views. A luxurious master suite features a mini gym, fireplace, and two offices. Entertain in the billiard room and spacious family room. Three additional bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths and a 3-car garage complete this stunning estate. \$2,595,000.



CYPRESS POINT VIEWS! Contemporary flair combines with traditional values in this meticulous "move in" ocean-view residence. This 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home with family room, media room and gourmet kitchen sits on a dramatic 1.4-acre site overlooking the 2nd and 3rd fairways of Cypress Point Golf Course, sand dunes and the Pacific Ocean. \$3,200,000.

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